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Chickasaw Daisy Blackbird

Original enrollees honored at Oklahoma Capitol

Original enrollees on the Dawes Commission rolls - including Chickasaw original enrollee Daisy Blackbird - were honored by state and tribal officials at the Oklahoma State Capitol last month. Front row, from left, Martha Berryhill, 107, of the Muscogee Creek Nation; Georgia Mae Roebuck Self, 103, and Ruby Lee Trammell Brewer, 102, both of the Choctaw Nation; and Daisy Blackbird, 105 of the Chickasaw Nation. Back row, from left, State Rep. Jerry McPeak, Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation Chad Smith, Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins, Choctaw Nation Chief Greg Pyle, Choctaw Nation Asst. Chief Gary Batton, Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Daisy Blackbird, a 105-year-old Chickasaw original enrollee, was among eight original enrollees honored at the Oklahoma State Capitol May 12.

Mrs. Blackbird was honored along with Martha Berryhill, 107, of the Muscogee Creek Nation; Georgia Mae Roebuck Self, 103; and Ruby Lee Trammell Brewer, 102, of the Choctaw Nation.

Four other enrollees were represented by relatives, including Eva Cheek Gilbert, 105, and Asa Glenn Purcell, 102, of the Cherokee Nation; and Dorothy Arnote West, 105, and Irene Exodus Roberts Mills, 103, of the Choctaw Nation.

Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry conducted a special reception in the Blue Room of the capitol building. The enrollees were also honored on the floor of the State House of Representatives.

"They not only witnessed history, they are our history," said Gov. Henry. "These individuals whom we honor today have

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Upgraded tribal web site offers new features, great information

The Chickasaw Nation is excited to announce the launch of a new, redesigned Web site. The tribal site provides information about Chickasaw programs, services, history, culture, news, government and more.

The Web address will remain the familiar www.chickasaw.net The new site contains many updated and user-friendly features.

Features include:

- **The Newsroom -** with organized news features, press releases, photo galleries, video galleries, event calendar and RSS information in one section. This section is a centralized repository of news and features about the Chickasaw Nation.
- **The Newsroom Preview** – located at the top of each page, expands so the reader can quickly view some of the Newsroom features. This section includes the newest photo and video galleries and the latest news release.

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
March 24, 2008

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Members absent: Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Michael L. Wingo, Traile G. Glory, Rita Loder, Traci Gold, Dana Hudspeth, Adam Fillmore Jr., Gary Colbert

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mrs. Alexander.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - February 15, 2008

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the February 15, 2008 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2008 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 25-029, Commendation and Tribute to Chickasaw Special Agent Robert Patrick (Pat) Flickinger

This resolution is a Commendation and Tribute to Lighthorse Police Special Agent Robert Patrick (Pat) Flickinger. The Special Agent was born August 11, 1970, and on March 7, 2008, was mortally injured during a vehicular accident. Agent Flickinger was hired as a uniformed police officer with the Chickasaw Nation's Lighthorse Police Department on September 27, 2004. He was promoted to a Special Agent on October 15, 2007, and was assigned to work narcotics enforcement. Agent Flickinger had a total of 16 years of law enforcement experience, was a veteran of the US Navy, and graduate of the FBI National Academy. He was also a member of both the Lighthorse Police Scuba-Dive Team and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team. Agent Flickinger considered it an honor to serve his community and was well respected within the law enforcement community. Agent Flickinger listed on his resume that his personal goal was to maintain integrity in order to be a positive role model to his daughter and community. This resolution was emergency legislation because of the date of the untimely death of Special Agent Flickinger.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR25-029.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-029 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number GR25-027, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Mr. Homer Paul.

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Homer Paul to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. Mr. Homer Paul will fill a three-year term of office ending on February 28, 2011.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR25-027.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-027 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 25-028, Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property on Main Street near East Central University in Ada for the Division of Arts and Humanities to use as an Art Gallery to feature Chickasaw Artists.

Dr. Goforth Parker withdrew GR 25-028 and concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Gary Colbert submitted a resolution to the Legislators to consider.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
April 18, 2008

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: J. L. Green, Melvin Burris, Bailey Walker, Dana Hudspeth, Ashley Large,

Jeff O'Dell, Traile Glory, Traci Gold, Michael F. Wingo, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson

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Taking action key to serving Chickasaw citizens

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

The year was 1933 and the country was suffering following the economic crash of 1929 and the onset of the Great Depression. Americans everywhere were out of work, and many had lost their farms and their homes. Soup lines were common in the cities.

Franklin D. Roosevelt had won the presidential election of 1932 with a promise to bring relief to the people and get the country moving again.

Early in 1933, FDR was meeting with his closest group of advisers – some of the brightest and most talented men in the country. Ideas were whizzing around the room and there was much argument and debate among the parties regarding how new initiatives would take shape. Much of the argument centered on details that could make – or wreck – a new program.

President Roosevelt, who had been listening silently, finally held up his hand. The din in the room subsided and all eyes turned to the president. The declaration FDR delivered was simply, "Above all, gentlemen – *try something!*"

This proved to be a prescient presidential utterance. FDR would preside over the "New Deal," a flurry of government action unlike anything seen previously in American history.

Taking action is fundamental to getting good things accomplished – for yourself, your family, your tribe and your country. We can debate the details all day, but without action, ideas become nothing more than fanciful dreams.

Those of us who work on your behalf at the Chickasaw Nation believe firmly our mission is to take those actions that will benefit the Chickasaw people. We also believe in positive reaction to information we receive from the Chickasaw citizens we represent.

Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

Through our ongoing Listening Conferences and Chickasaw gatherings, we have been very fortunate to encounter some tremendous ideas. Chickasaw citizens have expressed to me, and others in our tribal government, the priorities that shape their lives. This is excellent information on which we can often take direct action.

As one example, we have determined there are scores of Chickasaws around the country with unique and often exceptional educational and work histories. Many of the skills these Chickasaws possess can be put to excellent use on behalf of all Chickasaw people.

We have established a human resources initiative that seeks out Chickasaws who match well with positions within the tribe. Our human resources people are targeting new Chickasaw graduates who have particular degrees or training. We have on staff a recruiter who seeks out exceptional Chickasaw students when they are in high school, then interacts with the students so they know of the professional career opportunities with their tribe.

Another example is our new Construction Management Services group. We listened to people and heard that homebuilding was becoming a real stretch because of the escalating costs of land, labor and materials. This new group assists in the homebuilding process with design, budgeting, quality control and general contracting processes. CMS can save Chickasaws on their homebuilding costs, and help produce a high quality home.

Another initiative is our Chickasaw small business development center. Entrepreneurial Chickasaws let me know they were very interested in receiving help as they established and grew their businesses. Our new center assists our small business people every step of the way as they navigate the world of American commerce.

These are but a few examples of how good information from citizens translates into action by the tribe.

To paraphrase President Roosevelt, we will always "*try something!*" that benefits Chickasaw people!

Special agent Patrick Flickinger

Lighthorse officer remembered during state ceremony

Fallen Lighthorse Police officer Patrick Flickinger's mother, Jennie Flickinger, places a rose on an Oklahoma floral wreath in memory of her son. A memorial service was conducted May 9 at the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial. Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neil, right, escorted family members.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Fallen Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Special Agent Patrick Flickinger was honored during the 40th Annual Oklahoma Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service, conducted May 9. The service is conducted each May at the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial, located on the grounds of the Department of Public Safety Headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Six officers killed in the line of duty from 1909 to 2008 were inscribed on a memorial plaque, as a tribute to their sacrifices.

Agent Flickinger was killed March 7, 2008 in a two-vehicle crash in Marshall County while on duty for the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police.

The Lighthorse officer was honored and remembered by dozens of officers, dignitaries and guests from around the state, including large contingent of Chickasaw Lighthorse Police officers.

Guest speaker U.S. Attorney Sheldon J. Sperling reminded the gathering of the supreme sacrifice not only the officers made, but of the families' sacrifice.

During the roll call of heroes, officers escorted family members as they placed red roses on a floral wreath of the State of Oklahoma.

Officers honored this year include Braggs Constable George Johnson Kirk, killed in 1909; Oklahoma County Deputy Sheriff Levi A. Ezzell, killed in 1914; Jefferson County Deputy Louis M. Harvill and Grayson Township Constable William A. Hood, killed in 1928; and Latimer County Deputy Sheriff Dustin S. Duncan, killed in 2008.

Others remembered during the roll call include Nikky Joe Green, Oklahoma Highway Patrol; Larry W. Cantrell, Sapulpa Police; Jonathan P. Dragus, Oklahoma City Police; Choc D. Ericsson, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs; Glen M. Collins, Shawnee Police; Steven R. Smith and William L. McClendon, both of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

Dozens of officers from agencies all over Oklahoma, including a large honor guard, saluted during a traditional 21-gun salute volley fire, a helicopter flyby and the playing of taps.

Agent Flickinger is the second Chickasaw Lighthorseman to be honored at the memorial. The name of Chickasaw Lighthorse Captain Chin-Chi-Kee, who died in January 1852, was added to the memorial in May 1993.

The Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial was the first permanent memorial built in the United States to honor all of the fallen officers of a state. It was dedicated on May 15, 1969, during the first Oklahoma Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Service.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

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Tribal elections coming up; remember to vote!

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello, Everyone!

Along with warm weather, summer brings tribal campaigns.

At least one legislator has to run every summer for his/her position on the Legislature. (Every third summer two have to run from Pickens District, and for two summers in a row two have to run from Pontotoc District. Pickens has four legislators and Pontotoc has five and we operate on a three-year cycle). A lot of work is involved in campaigning as the candidates get their messages out to you. Pay close attention to them and be an informed voter. Please exercise your right to vote!

We live in the area referred to as "tornado alley" and as such we have been very fortunate. We have had storms but not total devastation as experienced in other places. I got caught in a bad storm coming home from Ada one day and I can tell you that I prayed my way through it. There was baseball-sized hail and blinding rain. "Thankful" took on a new meaning for me. I was so grateful to get safely home. My car was described by the insurance adjuster as not having a single inch without a dent. (It is now fixed). I think God truly looks after widows - especially those who spend a lot of time driving!!

Our family park (about which I speak frequently) took a hard hit by one of the storms with electricity ruining three refrigerators and two freezers. We are a large family so fortunately we are "back in business" with most of the appliances already replaced. It is not long until our reunion and we look forward to the gathering.

We have a lot of construction going on in the Tribe. The hospital continues to move forward and an enormous amount of construction is happening at the Winstar Gaming area – both by the Tribe and by developers who have purchased property nearby. Two hotels are in stages of construction as well as a "strip" shopping mall. The golf course is wonderfully beautiful and the homes being built near the golf course are really nice. The entire area is awesome.

The other day I received a call from the manager of the Welcome Center (into Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation from Texas on I-35) asking for a Chickasaw flag, which I immediately agreed to furnish. Out front of the center is a circle of flagpoles intended for the flags of the Five Civilized Tribes. The lady mentioned that she was having difficulty obtaining flags from the other tribes so I offered to get her enough Chickasaw flags to fly on all the poles. She accepted my offer and I am especially delighted every time I drive past there to look over and see all our flags out front of the center. She said how proud they are to be in the Chickasaw Nation and proud to fly our flags. Is that not "cool?!"

Take care – Don't let yourself get too hot in this summer sun! Blessings to all!

Linda Briggs

You can be an advocate in the war on the spread of diabetes

From left, Chickasaw tribal legislator Judy Goforth Parker, Robert Nocki of the Navajo Nation and Tammy Brown of U.S. Indian Health Service.

By Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee met May 14-15, 2008 in Washington, D.C. in our efforts to assure that there is continued funding for the many diabetes programs offered in Indian country.

I am writing to encourage you to become a diabetes advocate. Taking action in the fight against diabetes is easy. You can get involved with the American Diabetes Association (ADA) in that organization's efforts to increase funding for diabetic research and prevention programs. To get involved with the ADA, you can go to the set site: http://advocacy.diabetes.org. This web site will direct you to the "Become a Diabetes Advocate" link.

Since the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 was passed that appropriated special moneys for diabetes in Indian country, much progress has been made in our fight against diabetes. The TLDC strategized ways to advocate for this continued funding. The most important thing we can do is tell our story and contact those who can make a difference. You are the ones that I am contacting. You can contact your congressional representatives in Washington, D.C. and ask for the continued funding of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

What we are learning as we improve the health care for our tribes has become beneficial for all races with diabetes. Diabetes is a growing problem throughout the world, and especially among indigenous peoples. I recently had the opportunity to conduct education programs with the indigenous people of Belize, Central America. They are probably about 20 years behind where we are with their rates of diabetes.

If I could give you an assignment, it would be to spread the awareness of diabetes and its complications to your family members so we can halt this disease. Information is powerful. Action is imperative. Losing 10 pounds, staying active, and eating healthy food choices are three powerful steps you can take toward preventing diabetes. For those diagnosed with diabetes, these three simple steps can also help in preventing complications. Join the team. Fight diabetes!

Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Legislator
TLDC member representing Oklahoma

Committee Reports

Land Development Committee
May 5, 2008
Present: Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling, Linda Briggs
Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Education Committee
May 5, 2008
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

Legislative Committee
May 5, 2008
Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
Absent: Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker

Human Resources Committee
May 5, 2008
Present: Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Court Development AD HOC Committee
May 12, 2008
Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs
Absent: Steve Woods, David Woerz

Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 12, 2008
Present: Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs
Absent: Beth Alexander, David Woerz, Steve Woods

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Chickasaw Citizens

Cultural Center 'sneak peek' set for Festival time

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! We have enjoyed some Spring rains here. The rain hasn't slowed the work down very much on the new hospital and Cultural Center and we're thankful for that. The Cultural Center plans to have a limited open house for Festival week. If you are able, drive down to Sulphur that week and get a glimpse of the Center.

Summer is fast approaching and I wish to remind the elders to stay out of the heat as much as possible. Do your shopping early in the day to avoid the heat. The Farmers' Market in Ada is now open on Wednesday and Saturday and I know that several other towns have similar events.

Now that school is out we will see many of our summer youth workers throughout the Chickasaw offices. Both the Summer Youth and Jobs Partnership Training Act (JPTA) programs place young people in work experience situations where they learn many different skills as well as getting to work on time, working as part of a team, managing finances and leadership. We are fortunate to have such programs.

We also have several summer camps that are available to our youth. The camps vary from CNASA (space camp) to the Summer Arts Academy. The camps are operated by several governmental agencies such as Arts and Humanities, Youth and Family and Education Divisions.

Health System Administrator Bill Lance reports that we are interviewing dentists to fill two vacancies, one in Ada and one in Tishomingo. He also submitted the following statistics: for the month of April, 2008, there were 260 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 19,419. April Emergency Room visits were 1,031. April saw 293 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 3,380 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 2,951 patients in April. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,056 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,218. The Durant Clinic saw 2,650 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 2,088 in April.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Bakersfield gathering memorable; Madill, Portland upcoming

Katie Case
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As I write this letter to you, I'm resting up and reflecting on the incredible weekend we had at the Chickasaw Gathering in Bakersfield, California. Chickasaws and Chickasaw Nation employees representing the various services offered to Chickasaw at large and showcasing cultural demonstrations got to meet fellow Chickasaws from the region. The day produced many wonderful memories, and the quote of the day had to have been made by a Bakersfield Chickasaw who said, "It is great to talk to people from Oklahoma. They make you feel like everything is going to be ok."

Everything is going to be "OK." We are Chickasaw. We have faced and overcome adversity in the past and will do so together again, now. Remember and utilize the programs and services of the Chickasaw Nation.

As we talked in January, there is the Elderly Utility assistance Program which provides for up to $200 assistance, twice a year, for any Chickasaw over the age of 60. To access the program, you can call any area office, no matter where you live. The area offices and their respective phone numbers are listed at the end of this letter.

In February, we talked about home financing. In the current housing credit crisis, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing could be a great resource for those needing to refinance, purchase, build new or update an existing home. A representative of the Division of Housing can be reached by calling (580) 421-8800.

March's letter spotlighted the Division of Education. While several programs were listed, the prevailing message was that if you are Chickasaw and desire education, whether it is categorized as Adult Learning, Career Technology or Higher Education, there is assistance available to you from the Chickasaw Nation. Inquiries about Adult Learning can be made by calling (580) 310-6625 and asking for Lynne Chatfield or Shirley Machin. For questions about Career Technology, you can call Waylon Cottany or Jennifer Parks at (580) 421-7711. Information about the Higher Education programs can be attained on line by visiting www.chickasaweducationservices.com or by calling (580) 421-7711.

In April, we talked about the Prescription Mail Order Program whereby Chickasaws can receive their medications delivered to their doorsteps. Sandi Sanders was listed as the program contact person. Her email is sandi.sanders@chickasaw.net and her phone number is (580) 421-4543. She has since told me about your great response and is looking forward to more. She is always willing to help fellow Chickasaws.

May's letter encouraged everyone to get one of the directories of services and read it cover to cover to find and avail yourself of all the services for which you are eligible. Joy Barrick was correctly listed as the contact person, but the phone number listed was incorrect. It should have read (580) 310-6451. I apologize for this mistake. However, it created an opportunity to talk with many of you. Thank you for your calls. Like getting to see fellow Chickasaws at the Bakersfield Gathering, it is always good to visit with you.

I encourage everyone to attend a Chickasaw Gathering whenever and wherever possible. In addition to cultural demonstrations and information about services, the gathering are great opportunities to make sure you are registered to vote. Voting is one of our greatest privileges and most important responsibilities. The election season is fast approaching and the election commission has representatives at the gatherings to help make sure you are registered to vote. Voting is our voice.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the upcoming Marshall County Gathering in Madill, Oklahoma on June 10 and the Portland, Oregon Gathering at the Marriott Downtown Waterfront on June 21.

Respectfully,
Katie

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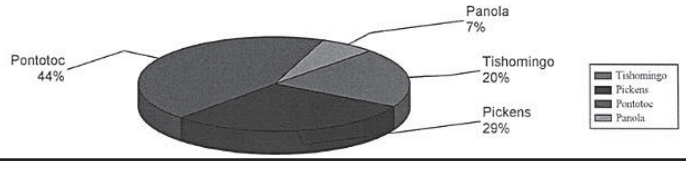
Ardmore Area Office (580) 226-4821
Duncan Area Office (580) 252-4119
Purcell Area Office (405) 527-6667
Sulphur Area Office (580) 622-2888
Tishomingo Area Office (580) 371-9512

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,575	Pontotoc	9,845
Pickens	6,570	Panola	1,500
		Total	22,490



Notice
Public Budget Hearing

The Chickasaw Nation Legislative Finance Committee will hold a public budget hearing regarding the Consolidated Tribal Budget for fiscal year 2009 on June 26, 2008 at the Murray County Expo Center, 4000 W. Hwy 7, Sulphur, Oklahoma, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at the Legislative Office in Ada and will be available at the public hearing. The Chickasaw Nation Consolidated Governmental budget for fiscal year 2009, under consideration for legislative approval, is $101,656,000. The meeting shall be held in accordance with Title 10, Section 10-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The Chickasaw Nation Code can be located at www.Chickasaw.net.

Tribe at the forefront in ensuring quality child care

Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Child care in our modern society has become a real and ongoing concern for all working mothers.

We understand that many mothers must work in today's world. The issue of how to care for the kids while mom is working has become a tremendous burden.

Moms must not only find child care - they must find child care they trust. Moms want to be sure their children are safe and well-cared for while they are working. Additionally, Moms must find a day care they can afford. Child care expense, when added to gasoline, food and other work-related expenses, can eat up virtually all wages.

The Chickasaw Nation has been a leader in this important area of child care. Last year, the tribe opened the Sick Child Care Center in Ada. This was a groundbreaking event that resounded with Moms everywhere. Moms who have children in day care know if their child is sick, Mom is going to miss work. Child care centers will not accept a child with even a low-grade fever.

The Sick Child Care Center offers that place for quality child care for mildly ill children. There are trained medical personnel on site, and the children are well taken care of.

The tribe also offers grants to local child care centers to assist with Chickasaw and other Indian children's child care. There is also a direct child care assistance program that helps Moms who are having trouble affording the service.

We know our Moms and our children face challenges. We are working to help support the family unit, and keep our children safe and happy.

There are plenty of challenges for families in today's society. Our tribe is at the forefront of assuring quality child care.

Student tops in parliamentary procedure

Danielle Henderson

Danielle Henderson, a Chickasaw from Beatty, Nevada, was a member of the Beatty High School Family Career and Community Leaders of America group that recently won a state championship.

Danielle and her group competed in the parliamentary procedure category at the FCCLA competition in Reno, Nev., March 4-7.

Danielle, who is an honor student, said she joined the competition because "it sounded like fun."

She will advance to the National competition in Orlando, Florida in July.

Danielle and her family recently attended the Chickasaw Gathering in Bakersfield, Calif.

400 Chickasaws at Bakersfield gathering

Almost 400 Chickasaws and guests attended the May 17 Chickasaw Gathering in Bakersfield, Calif. Activities included cultural demonstrations, children's activities, Chickasaw history and information about programs and services.

The next gatherings are June 10 in Madill, Okla., and June 21 in Portland, Oregon.

Court advocates now in Ardmore, Purcell

Ardmore Court Advocate

The Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court is now offering court advocate services at the former Federal Building in Ardmore. The address is 39 Washington Street located downtown just north of the Commerce/Washington Street intersection.

Each Tuesday, Court Advocate Michael Smith will meet clients and assist with preparation of papers, provide information on presenting evidence to state your case before the Court and assist with preparing orders or final decrees to finalize the matter.

To schedule an appointment with Smith, please call the District Court at (580) 235-0279 or (800) 479-1459. Smith's office is located on the second floor.

Purcell Court Advocate

Each Wednesday, Court Advocate David Ponder is at the Purcell Regional Office (1603 S. Green) to assist our citizens.

Court advocates are provided by the Judicial Branch to assist citizens with preparation of papers, provide information on presenting evidence to state your case before the Court and assist with preparing orders or final decrees to finalize the matter.

To schedule an appointment with Ponder, please the District Court at (580) 235-0279 or (800) 479-1459.

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Camp Yakni Moma Alphisa - 'Justice for a Nation' - open to high school students

Law-related education has always been intended to provide a classroom setting in which teachers and students can discuss society's difficult issues.

This is just one component for high school students interested in the Chickasaw Judicial Branch's upcoming Camp Yakni Moma Alphisa – "Justice for a Nation."

Camp Yakni Moma Alphisa is a new camp hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch. Its purpose is to educate tribal youth who have an interest in the law and criminal justice professions. Campers will learn firsthand about the operations of the tribe's Court system, take part in a mock trial, visit the historic Chickasaw Capitol and see the diverse components of the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police (canine unit and criminal investigation). In addition, students will meet with tribal judges, justices and attorneys to assist our students with their career choices.

To register for Camp Yakni Moma Alphisa, call (580) 310-6620. For more information, call the Supreme Court office at (580) 235-0281 or (800) 479-1455.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

Historic Site Manager

The Chickasaw Nation is looking for an individual to manage the operation of Chisha' tall' a, a 17th and 18th century Chickasaw village site. This unique opportunity will require initial development in Ada, Ok and later permanently relocate to Tupelo, Mississippi. Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred), with an area of concentration in museum education, history, communications, or related field. Responsibilities will include helping plan new construction for a visitor's center, coordinating development of self-directed tour, conducting tours and developing site exhibits, as well as overseeing site budget including staff. Knowledge of Chickasaw language, culture, and history w/ three yr. exp in a museum, historic building or historic site helpful. To complete an application, please refer: http://www.chickasaw.net <http://www.chickasaw.net/> if you would like additional information, you may contact 580-436-7259. American Indian Preference.

May 2008 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 25-046

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

Ms. Rose Jefferson

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Rose Jefferson to fill the unexpired term of office held by Ms. Pauline Brown to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission. Ms. Jefferson will take Ms. Brown's seat as the Commission's representative of the Pontotoc District, beginning on May 16, 2008, and ending on December 31, 2009.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-047

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation

Mr. Bill Johnson

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Bill Johnson to the Board of Commissioners of the Chickasaw Housing Authority. Mr. Johnson will fill a term of office ending on January 23, 2011.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-048

Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation

Ms. Carla Miller

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Carla Miller to the Board of Commissioners of the Chickasaw Housing Authority. That term of office will expire on January 23, 2010.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-049

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation

Mr. Larry A. Ennis

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Larry A. Ennis to the Board of Commissioners of the Chickasaw Housing Authority. Mr. Ennis' term of office will end on January 23, 2010.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-050

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation

Mr. Carlyle Hill

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Carlyle Hill to the Board of Commissioners of the Chickasaw Housing Authority. Mr. Hill's term of office will expire on January 23, 2009.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-051

Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for Indian Health Service Elder Care Initiative Long-Term Care Grant

Application Due Date: June 20, 2008.

Amount Requested: Approximately $75,000 per year for two years; estimated total funding of $150,000.

Matching Requirements: None.

Project Period: September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2010.

Project Abstract:

Programs implemented as a result of this grant may be designed to enhance current services and other needs as identified to accomplish the goal of allowing an elder to remain in a residential home setting as long as possible. Specifically, a senior companion program will be implemented through a volunteer network that will be developed within the Chickasaw Nation. The volunteer network will allow the program to continue after the federal funding ends. This initiative will include appropriate collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging, Chickasaw Nation Division of Treasury and various departments of the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-052

General Resolution Number 25-052

Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for the U.S. Indian Health Service Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) 5 Grant

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) to apply for an IHS-NARCH grant. The Chickasaw Nation Health System along with the Cherokee, Choctaw and Creek Nations would partner with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) to conduct tribally driven research projects, and develop the capacity of student and faculty researches. Since, 2000, the Chickasaw Nation has had a successful and ongoing relationship with OUHSC and the other tribes through past NARCH grants.

Award Information: The grant award amount is up to $800,000 for the total partnership up to four years.

Methods: The CNHS would approve prospective research projects through the tribal In-

*See **Resolutions,** page 55*

2007-2008 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Seat #

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Court advocates assist citizens with legal issues

Service to citizens enhanced with new judicial facility

Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon
Supreme Court Justice

Hello and greetings from the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch! It's been a beautiful Spring as we admire Mother Earth in all her beauty and bounty. As always, I'm excited to update you on our progress.

On May 1, we broke ground for our new Judicial Center and the Chickasaw Nation Legislature's new building. Both buildings will be directly north of the tribal headquarters.

Presently, our District Court and Supreme Court are in two separate locations so we look forward to both courts being centrally located. The new building will house two courtrooms. This will improve our court operations giving us the capacity to accept larger dockets as they occur. The Chickasaw Nation was founded on customer service. Having all of our resources housed under one roof will only improve the Court's quality of service. We anticipate construction being completed next summer.

While we were breaking ground on the Judicial Center, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development hosted an open house on May 19 for their new tribal housing building. I was able to attend and came away impressed. The 28,000 square-foot facility will house 54 employees and features drive-through convenience for the hundreds of people who utilize the programs offered by the housing division.

On May 5, I had the honor of attending the Sulphur Head Start graduation. It's always pleasing and rewarding watching our little ones grow into tomorrow's leaders. Congratulations to the Head Start Class of 2008!

On May 8, Justice Barbara Smith, Court Advocate David Ponder and I attended the Newcastle Community Council meeting. We always enjoy meeting our citizens to the North and conversing with old friends. I believe this strong network of communication among our communities is why the Chickasaw Nation is a progressive leader among our Indian tribes today. Following our traditions, we're able to hear from our community leaders and act accordingly to meet the needs of our citizens. If you're not an active member of your community council, I encourage you to do so. We're always eager to meet new friends.

Chickasaw Bar Association/Peacemaking News

On June 4, the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court is hosting a reception for our Chickasaw Bar Association members. The reception will take place at Abuelo's Restaurant in Bricktown (downtown OKC) and begin at 5:30 p.m. We hold this event in conjunction with the Sovereignty Symposium since many of our attorneys attend the annual event (http://www.oscn.net/sovereignty/default.aspx for more info.). It's a convenient time for us to recognize our members and their service to the Chickasaw Nation, our tribal courts and our citizens. Members will receive an invitation soon in the mail. Please RSVP @ (580) 235-0281 or (800) 479-1455. We hope to see you there.

In addition to our reception, I am proud to announce that Justice Barbara A. Smith will serve as moderator for "The Healing of Nations Through Peacemaking" at the Sovereignty Symposium. Her presentation is on Thursday morning, June 5 from 8:30 – 10:30 (see agenda for Panel C). Assisting Justice Smith on the panel are friends Hon. Carey Vicenti (Jicarilla Apache), Asst. Professor of Sociology, Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado; Hon. David Raasch, Chief Judge, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, Bowler, Wisconsin; Hon. Kevin Briscoe, Mississippi Choctaw Tribal Court, Choctaw Mississippi; and Prof. Nora Antoine, Sinte Gleska University, Mission, S.D.

To our Bar members attending the Sovereignty Symposium, we hope you'll have the opportunity to meet Justice Smith and share her experiences with Peacemaking. If you need more information, please call the Supreme Court office at (580) 235-0281 or (800) 479-1455.

District Court News

For the month of April, our court advocates saw 80 clients. I want to take this moment to recognize our advocates: Darlene Cheadle, David Ponder and the newly appointed Michael Smith. They perform their duties with professionalism and convey to our clients a true sense of caring and that's important to the Chickasaw Nation. We truly have quality people serving you in the Judicial Branch.

The District Court staff filed 36 new cases in April. The District Court docket for April consisted of 95 cases. For the year, 157 cases have been filed and 413 cases have been heard. Judge Duck and Judge Rowe do a great job. Docket days can get hectic on occasion so it's a tribute to our District Court staff that they maintain quality service. It's pleasing, when meeting with our citizens, to hear the compliments. If you need assistance, please call the District Court at (580) 235-0279 or (800) 479-1459.

Chickasaw Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon addresses the audience during groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Judicial Center.

Michael Colbert Smith appointed new court advocate

Michael Colbert Smith

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch is pleased to announce Michael Colbert Smith as its court advocate for our citizens residing in the southern portion of the tribe's service area.

Each Tuesday, Michael will meet clients and assist with preparation of papers, provide information on presenting evidence to state your case before the Court and assist with preparing orders or final decrees to finalize the matter.

Michael is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and is a descendant of Winchester Colbert. His maternal grandmother, Mable Smith Smith, and great-grandmother, Martha Colbert Smith, were original enrollees on the Dawes Rolls who settled on allotment land in Newcastle.

He is an attorney with a private practice in Norman, Oklahoma. He is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the Chickasaw Bar Association and the United States District Court in the Western District of Oklahoma.

Michael is also an adjunct professor in the Native American Studies program at the University of Oklahoma and speaks at many Oklahoma Bar Association for Continuing Legal Education courses around the state.

To schedule an appointment with Michael, please call the District Court at (580) 235-0279 or (800) 479-1459. He is located at 39 Washington Street, Suite 213 in downtown Ardmore just north of the Commerce/Washington Street intersection. Michael's office is on the second floor.

Chickasaw Nation *Programs and Services Guide* now available

To request a copy of the 2008 Chickasaw Nation *Programs and Services Guide*, please call (580) 310-6451 or visit www.chickasaw.net

Lighthorse sergeant has served in diverse capacities as peace officer

"Detailed" and "disciplined" are two words used to describe Lighthorse Police Sergeant Robby Williams by Lighthorse Chief Jason O'Neal.

Sgt. Williams began working as a Lighthorse Officer about two and one-half years ago, and he is currently based in the northern section of the Chickasaw Nation, near Tuttle. He supervises patrol officers in that area.

Sgt. Williams says he enjoys the variety that police work offers. He has served on both the DIVE and SWAT teams for Lighthorse Police.

Sgt. Williams holds a Drug Recognizes Expert (DRE) certification, a credential which takes several weeks instruction to obtain. He also jumped out of an airplane, among other things, to obtain a NARC Assault certification.

"Wherever I am needed, that's what I am doing," said the Sergeant, adding he is on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Following a stint as a campus police officer for Putman City (OK) School District, Sgt. Williams worked at the Bethany (OK) Police Department for seven years. He served in diverse roles, including SWAT officer and Field Training Officer, where he was in charge of training new recruits.

During his tenure at Bethany PD, the City Council honored Sgt. Williams for saving a man from drowning in Lake Overholser.

Sgt. Robby Williams

The man, in 2005, was attempting to cross the spillway and became entangled with debris.

Without regard for his own safety, Sgt. Williams took off his gear, removed the back seat of his patrol car and swam, along with the seat, to the exhausted, drowning man.

Sgt. Williams untangled the man's feet from fishing line, put him on the seat and towed him to shore.

"His act was extremely quick thinking and calm under a stressful situation," said Chief O'Neal.

"Robby is a natural leader and his attention to detail and discipline continue to impress me," Chief O'Neal said. "He continues to rapidly advance through our department."

Sgt. Williams, 37, is a graduate of Tuttle High School and earned an associates degree in Police Science from Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City.

Williams said he appreciated his Lighthorse colleagues' genuine concern for his family.

He and his wife Nancy have two daughters, ages two and seven, who keep the couple busy with many activities.

In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

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Transfers to tribal government supporting capital projects

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending April 30, 2008

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $57.0 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $3.9 million for the month and $32.3 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $92.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for April totaled $60 million and $413 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $19 million for the month and $135 year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $43 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At April 30, 2008, the tribal government funds had $91 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $12.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $242 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of April 30, 2008, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $865 million with $200 million in payables resulting in net assets of $665 million compared to $604 million at September 30, 2007or an increase of $61 million from, the end of fiscal year 2007.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Seven Months Ended April 30, 2008

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	4,594,538	413,437,569	418,032,107
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		52,501,022	(52,501,022)	-
Total funds available		57,095,560	360,936,547	418,032,107
Expenditures				
General government		5,007,334		5,007,334
Legislature		910,627		910,627
Judiciary		475,292		475,292
Education		5,998,320		5,998,320
Heritage Preservation		1,924,284		1,924,284
Health		6,157,994		6,157,994
Youth and Family Services		3,697,160		3,697,160
Nutrition Programs		1,706,945		1,706,945
Regulatory		2,854,014		2,854,014
Assistance Programs		3,655,119		3,655,119
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			189,793,771	189,793,771
Other businesses' expense			127,812,276	127,812,276
Total expenditures		32,387,090	317,606,047	349,993,136
Increase in net assets		24,708,470	43,330,500	68,038,971
Beginning net assets		241,002,527	356,143,800	597,146,327
Ending net assets	$	265,710,998	399,474,300	665,185,298

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
April 30, 2008

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	91,251,120	242,263,559	333,514,679
Receivables		613,594	11,613,755	12,227,349
Inventory			5,027,897	5,027,897
Prepaid expenses			15,672,575	15,672,575
Other Assets			22,420,330	22,420,330
Fixed assets		174,223,629	302,604,733	476,828,362
Less payables		(377,344)	(200,128,549)	(200,505,893)
Net Assets	$	265,710,998	399,474,300	665,185,298

Chickasaw WWII vets observe Memorial Day in Washington

Chickasaw World War II veterans visited the World War II Memorial and many other historic sites on their trip to observe Memorial Day in Washington, D.C. Front row from left, Earnest Guess, Robert Wallace, Theron Price, Sim Greenwood, James Harlin and William Nelson. Back row from left, Robert Nichols, Floyd Shipman, Beaulah Shavney, Donald Clark, Jack Whitfield, William Johnston, Wallace Dawkins and Robert Ream.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Bustling activity at the World War II Memorial slowed to a standstill and a hush fell over the crowd as 14 veterans of that war gathered for a group photo.

Many of those in attendance were moved to tears as they witnessed memorial visitors of all ages showing such profound respect for the veterans.

That experience was one of many moving moments Chickasaw veterans and others encountered during their observance of Memorial Day in our nation's capitol.

A crew member announcement that a group of World War II veterans from the Chickasaw Nation was aboard the flight to Washington was met with a thunderous round of applause.

Charles Blackwell, Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States, officially welcomed the veterans to Washington.

"The main thing I want to tell you, on behalf of Governor Anoatubby, is that we are really proud and grateful for your service," Blackwell said.

That official expression of appreciation was followed by dozens of informal declarations of gratitude from veterans, soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen and others.

Chickasaw veteran Beaulah Shavney talks with Arlington National Cemetery tour guide John Wendell before signing his book.

"The greatest honor that I, as a World War II veteran, have ever had, is this trip," said Wallace Dawkins, a U.S. Army veteran now living in West Monroe, Louisiana.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said the trip was funded to show appreciation for the sacrifices the veterans made for our country.

"This world is truly a much better place because of what these individuals have done," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Anything we do for them can never repay them for what they have done for us."

William Johnston, a U.S. Army veteran now living in Milo, Oklahoma, said he was impressed with the number of people who did not know him, but would come up and shake his hand and thank him for his service.

In addition to the World War II Memorial, the group also visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, among other historic sites.

Many veterans said sharing the experience of observing Memorial Day in Washington, D.C. with so many others who had served in World War II was exceptionally meaningful.

Most of those in attendance were visibly moved during the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Those who joined the group of veterans on the trip were also moved to tears more than once. Each agreed that being around these individuals was ample evidence they truly were part of "the greatest generation."

James Harlin, who served as a waist gunner on a B-17 bomber, spoke of his plane being hit by enemy fire as if it was a routine experience.

"We got shot up a few times, but we always made it back," he said, as if he was talking about a trip to the grocery store.

Everyone in the room was moved to tears as Sim Greenwood, who served as a medic, visibly held back his own tears as he told about training to be a rifleman because felt as if he "wasn't doing enough."

World War II veterans who made the trip included Donald Clark, Mill Creek, Okla.; Wallace Dawkins, West Monroe, Louisiana; Earnest Guess, Purcell, Okla.; Sim Greenwood, Ada, Okla.; James Harlin, Ardmore, Okla.; William Johnston, Milo, Okla.; William Nelson, Ardmore, Okla,; Robert Nichols, Pauls Valley, Okla.; Theron Price, Lone Grove, Okla.; Robert Ream, Wichita, Kan.; Beaulah Shavney, Ada, Okla.; Floyd Shipman, Sulphur, Okla.; Robert Wallace, Purcell Okla.; Jack Whitfield, Loco, Okla.; and Marion Whitfield, Comanche, Okla. Okla.

(Marion Whitfield was unable to complete the trip due to health concerns).

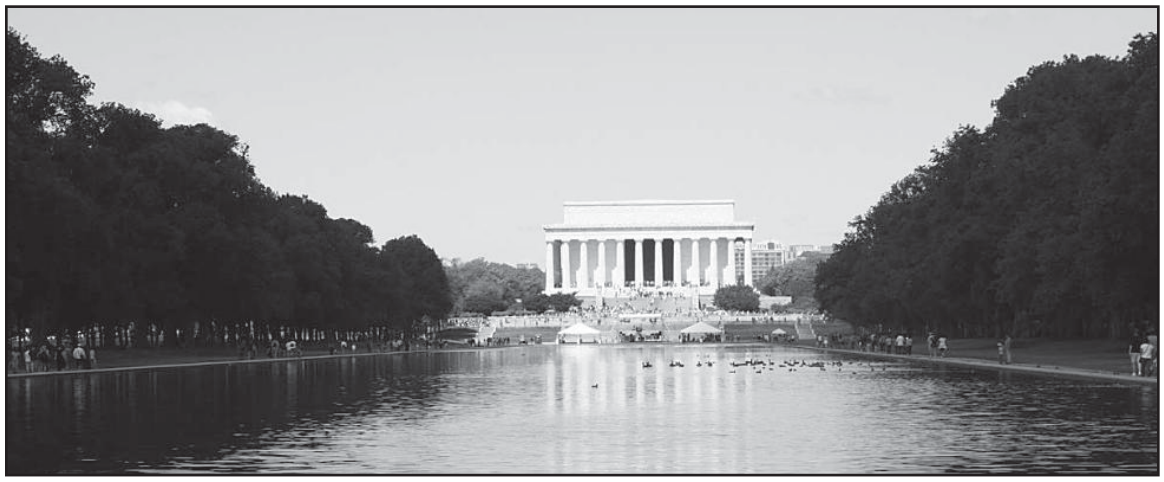
Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Bill Johnston, Donald Clark, Betty Clark, Robert Nichols, Beulah Shavney and Floyd Shipman at the Lincoln Memorial.

Veterans remember service, comrades on Memorial Day

Jack Whitfield talks with one of the tens of thousands of veterans in Washington, D.C. for the "Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Rally." The rally is conducted each year to honor veterans, prisoners of war and those listed as missing in action.

Lee Crossley views the wall of faces at the Korean War Memorial.



The Lincoln Memorial as seen from the World War II Memorial.

Donald Clark signs "Second World War" for Arlington National Cemetery tour guide John Wendell as fellow veteran Beaulah Shavney looks on. Mr. Wendell asked every Chickasaw World War II veteran in the group to sign his copy of the book.

The Franklin Roosevelt Memorial was one highlight of the trip to Washington. Donald Clark, Betty Clark and Robert Nichols are shown at the memorial.

Naval veterans Jack Whitfield, Robert Nichols, Donald Clark and Robert Ream visit the U.S. Navy Memorial.

Jack and Jerry Brisco learned confidence from their mother

Chickasaw brothers inducted into pro wrestling hall of fame

Chickasaw wrestlers Jerry Brisco, left, and Jack Brisco during the heyday of their wrestling careers.

Humbling and surreal - two words that Chickasaw brothers Jack and Jerry Brisco use when looking back at their lives as professional wrestlers.

More than 20 years after their retirement from wrestling, the Briscos still seem in awe of all they have seen and done.

"It's been a wonderful life," said elder brother Jack Brisco.

Jack and Jerry Brisco split their childhood years between Blackwell, Oklahoma and Letha, a tiny community outside of Seminole, Oklahoma.

Their mother raised six children on her own and would work shifts as a waitress to make ends meet. It was by watching her that the brothers gained the confidence and focus that would prove to be key to their success.

"Our mother was such a strong lady," Jerry said. "She taught us to be confident and never to shy away from hard work."

As young children, the brothers attended powwows and learned about their Chickasaw background.

"I just remember being so intrigued with the music and the language," Jack said. "I still am."

Both Jack and Jerry started early with athletics after their mother decided to relocate to Blackwell to be closer to her sister.

Jack began playing football and basketball and running track in the eighth grade. However, during his sophomore year of high school, another sport piqued his interest.

"I remembered going to a wrestling match," he said, "and it was just so exciting."

When the football season ended, he had to make a tough decision between continuing to play basketball and giving wrestling a try.

"I couldn't do both because they went on at the same time, so after seeing that match, I went with wrestling," Jack said.

Jerry, however, felt a different draw to wrestling. Before the advent of television, he would visit the local drugstore to browse through magazines.

"My favorite ones were always the ones with the wrestlers on the cover," he said. "I would just stand there and look at their pictures and want to be like them."

When TV became more prevalent in the Brisco household, Jerry remembers admiring professional wrestlers from Oklahoma and Texas while watching the televised matches.

Both brothers wrestled throughout high school.

Jack had another tough decision to make when it came to college athletics. He had been successful with wrestling in high school, but also was an All-State football player.

"I had the University of Oklahoma recruiting me to play football," he said. "Bud Wilkinson was in my living room trying to get me to be an OU football player."

Jack ended up turning down a football scholarship to continue his wrestling career at Oklahoma State University.

"Deep down I just wanted to wrestle more," he said. "I've thought about how my life would've been different if I had played football, but I have no regrets."

During his career at OSU, he became the first Native American to win an NCAA Wrestling Championship.

"I am so, so proud of that," Jack said.

It was during his senior year of college that Jack entered the world of professional wrestling, encouraged by national champion Leroy McGirk.

"While in college, I would watch professional wrestling and want to be a part of it."

Jerry also received a wrestling scholarship to OSU. He wrestled for three years, then decided to begin his professional career.

Together and separately, Jack and Jerry Brisco would go on to leave an indelible mark on the world of professional wrestling.

The brothers would win nearly two dozen tag team titles together and were two of the greatest singles champions in their field.

Their influence was so great that earlier this year, they were simultaneously inducted into the World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) Hall of Fame Class of 2008.

"It was a moment I'll remember for the rest of my life," said Jerry.

"You work so hard for so long to succeed," he said. "But you kind of always wonder if you're worthy…but when they call your name, then you know."

This honor would have certainly been remarkable to either one of the brothers individually. But they said that to receive it together made it even better.

"In that moment, to look beside me and see my brother just made it awfully special," Jack said.

It is in moments such as that when the surrealism of their fame starts to set in.

Jack, left, and Jerry Brisco speak at the WWE Hall of Fame Class of 2008 Ceremony conducted March 30 in Orlando, Florida.

Each brother has traveled the globe, but both still feel very connected to Oklahoma and their Chickasaw heritage.

"We were real poor," said Jack, " and we hardly ever got outside of Oklahoma.

"To look back and realize what all I've had the opportunity to do and see is just amazing."

Jerry feels the same awe from time to time.

"I'll be standing on a mountain in South Africa, look around and think 'how did I get here?'," he said.

With almost 40 years of combined wrestling experience under their belts, the brothers retired a year a part in the mid-1980s.

"I knew it was getting time," said Jack. "I was slowing down."

"We knew that wrestling wasn't going to last forever," Jerry said. "It's so hard on your body and the traveling really gets to you."

Jerry is still active in the WWE, working as a producer.

"It's a way to be involved with professional wrestling without getting beat up, so I'll do it as long as I'm healthy and I feel good," Jerry said.

Jack and Jerry live in Florida, where they settled during their professional careers.

"My friend Joe Scarppa, another wrestler, encouraged me to come here and wrestle years ago," Jack said, "and I liked it so much that I stayed."

Along with their brother Bill, the brothers co-own Brisco Brothers Body shop in Tampa.

Their time in the spotlight undoubtedly brought times of tribulation. But Jack and Jerry Brisco have remained a team through it all.

"We've always been in this together," Jack said. "We will always remain brothers to the highest level."

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Sunrise graces Oklahoma Governor's home

Larsen landscape on display in Governor's Mansion

A Mike Larsen landscape, chosen as the image for the Oklahoma Centennial postage stamp, was delivered to the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion May 8. The painting will be on display for 12 months. From left are Lona Barrick, tribal Division of Arts and Humanities administrator, Oklahoma First Lady Kim Henry, Mike Larsen and Martha Larsen.

An original Mike Larsen landscape, chosen as the image for the Oklahoma Centennial postage stamp, is now on display at the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, on behalf of the tribe, loaned the work to the Oklahoma Governor's mansion for one year. The painting was delivered May 8.

"We are very proud the image of a sunrise painted by a Chickasaw artist was chosen to commemorate the Oklahoma Centennial," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Having this painting on display at the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion gives many more Oklahomans the opportunity to fully appreciate the original art work."

Mr. Larsen said he was honored to have the image chosen to be used on the Centennial stamp. He was also proud, he said, that the proceeds of the sale of the painting were donated to benefit the arts in Oklahoma.

"Now with the painting hanging in the Governor's mansion, I have run out of words to express my gratitude to all concerned," said Mr. Larsen.

Mr. Larsen is perhaps best known for his 1991 mural "Flight of Spirit", a tribute to five Native American ballet dancers, which is a permanent fixture in the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Oklahoma first lady Kim Henry was present to receive the painting in the Oklahoma room.

She told Mr. Larsen that she is "just awed by your talent" and "very excited" to have the painting in the Governor's Mansion.

She said Mr. Larsen was one of her favorite artists, and one of the first couple's favorite paintings was a Larsen work that hangs in Governor Henry's small conference room.

That painting, appropriately enough, is named "The Conference."

The Oklahoma Centennial stamp was unveiled Sept. 9, 2006 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

"We are so fortunate to have so many talented artists in this state, and Mike Larsen is one of the absolute best," said Gov. Henry at the time of the unveiling. "I believe that your master-piece really captures the spirit of Oklahoma. That spirit of how positive and bright things are in this state."

That same year, Mr. Larsen was named "Oklahoman of the Year" by *Oklahoma Today* magazine. He was also recognized as a Red Earth Honored One.

Mr. Larsen also completed 24 portraits of Chickasaw elders that year.

Those 24 oil paintings were displayed at the Oklahoma History Center from November 2007 through March 2008.

During the unveiling of the stamp, Mr. Larsen said the painting was inspired by the view from the porch of his home where he and his wife, Martha, drink coffee and watch the sunrise.

"When I consider the fact that there are going to be millions of little-bitty Mike Larsen paintings, and over the image that I painted are the words 'Oklahoma, Oh what a beautiful morning,' I couldn't be more proud," Mr. Larsen said at the time.

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Application deadline June 16

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police offering youth academy

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department is offering an exciting opportunity for young Native Americans to explore a career in law enforcement.

The first-ever Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy will be conducted July 2-3, 2008 at Lighthorse Police Headquarters, 1130 West Main, Ada. Application deadline is June 16.

Academy students will be immersed in law enforcement through interactive activities, including an Olympic shooting instruction program, a tour of the Pontotoc County Jail and SWAT and dive team demonstrations.

First aide and CPR course will be offered along with informative presentations by Lighthorse officers. Other activities range from marching to learning the procedures handcuffing, searching and traffic stops.

Tribal law enforcement will be emphasized throughout the two-day academy.

The academy is opened to 40 Native American youth, ages 13 to 17. Cadets will be selected based upon answers to the application questions, a complete application, including all waiver forms, and three letters of recommendation. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for slots in the camp, and any remaining openings will be made available to enrolled members of other federally-recognized tribes.

The academy is free of charge to participants.

Selected applicants will be notified by letter and/or phone call no later than June 20, 2008.

To apply, log on to www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. For more information about the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy, contact Lighthorse Police Department at (580) 436-7267.

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Johnson appreciates Honor Guard's goal of respect

Will Johnson

Chickasaw Honor Guard member Will Johnson is lovingly referred to as "Bus Driver" by his fellow Guard members, but many would agree that he does a service that entails much more.

A part of the Honor Guard for almost a decade, Johnson not only makes sure the group gets to where they need to be, but also does his part to assure that he upholds the main goal of the Honor Guard: to show respect to veterans who have passed away.

Johnson was born in Lubbock, Texas in 1948 and moved about the country with his father, a truck driver, and his family. They settled in Michigan long enough for him to graduate from Colon High School in Colon, Michigan in 1966.

Three months after graduation, Johnson entered the U.S. Marine Corps. This was during the height of the Vietnam conflict.

"I wanted to get out on my own and do something for my country," Johnson said.

After boot camp in San Diego, he was sent to Vietnam for a year and a half. Upon leaving Vietnam, Johnson was stationed in several places stateside, including the University of Oklahoma, where he was supervisor for the reservists. In this capacity, he arranged funeral details for fallen soldiers being returned from Vietnam.

"Honoring those soldiers was an honor then, and it's an honor now to do the same," he said.

In November of 1975 Johnson received his honorable discharge from the Marines. He enrolled in Connors State College in Warner, Oklahoma and earned his associate's degree in criminal justice.

For the next six years, he served as police officer in Checotah and Moore, Oklahoma before changing career paths and becoming an insurance adjuster. He was assigned to the General Adjustment Bureau in Ada and made his home in nearby Allen. He remained with the Bureau for 24 years.

Johnson joined the Chickasaw Honor Guard in 1999 and served as the organization's president in 2001.

"We really get around," he said, "and sometimes things are kind of hectic. But it's all worth it to give these service members one last salute."

Aside from serving in the Honor Guard, Johnson is an avid hunter, golfer and fisherman. He and his wife, Tina, still live in Allen, Oklahoma.

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Schoolchildren, symbols make connection

Storyteller finds common threads between Chickasaw, Chinese cultures

Chickasaw storyteller Lori Robins at the Great Wall of China.

Chickasaw storyteller Lorie Robins recently journeyed across the world to China. During her trip, she discovered common threads runs between the ancient country and the Chickasaw culture.

Ms. Robins was part of a contingent of American storytellers who spent 13 days in China as a "People to People Citizen Ambassador."

During her trip she visited city of Beijing, the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City and Guiyang.

The most moving experience, she said, was visiting the schools.

"Meeting the kids in the school was very interesting," Ms. Robins said.

The children would tell stories in both Chinese and English for the group, and group members would, in turn, tell stories to the children. Ms. Robins shared a simple story, "How The Dog Got His Bark," in English, and the students understood the story.

At the village school the group was greeted by children on both sides of the narrow, winding road. The students were playing traditional drums.

The People to People program helped assist in building the three-story school building and the group received a heroes' welcome.

"I was overwhelmed by the kids with the traditional drums," Ms. Robins said.

Some people in the rural village live the same way their ancestors did more than 600 years ago. And, like the rest of the country, the art of storytelling is treasured.

The village school, which has a meager budget, encourages children to share their stories with one another.

"In fact, each city in China has a storytelling contest for children and adults," Ms. Robins said. "This is a big event and a big deal to win. We did meet the first place winner of the children's contest. He was six." Storytelling is alive over the radio waves and in tea houses, as well.

Due to the communist government, Ms. Robins said, some traditional stories with a theme of governmental overthrow by common people are being changed.

Robins did have several "ah-ha" moments. When a museum curator discovered she was Native American, she was asked to view ancient symbols and designs to see if any look similar to those of ancient Chickasaw designs. She said many of the designs from the Ming Dynasty looked like Chickasaw designs, and she theorized the two cultures may have intermingled in ancient times.

Overall, Ms. Robins describes the trip as a "life-changing" experience

She no longer takes simple things, such as drinks with ice and diet soda for granted. They are both considered frivolous and posh in China.

As far as the local cuisine, the strangest thing Ms. Robins ate was a fried scorpion, and she learned how to weld chopsticks like a professional.

Also, all household items have a purpose and use; there is no such thing as a "dust collector" in a Chinese home.

"I came back with a lot of appreciation for what I have," she said.

Ms. Robins' trip coincided with the country's preparations for the upcoming Olympics, and the group was able to witness several practices for the event.

Given the opportunity to return, she would take it.

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Holisso Center to be research storehouse

Artist's rendering of the interior of the History Center.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Located within the new Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center complex in Sulphur, is the planned Center for the Study of Chickasaw History and Culture, which will be known as the "Holisso Center."

The Holisso Center, which is currently under construction, is designed to be a research Mecca, with a focus on the study of Chickasaw history, said Michelle Cooke, manager of Libraries, Archives & Collections for the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture.

Cooke will oversee the Holisso Center, which will have state-of-the-art amenities, such as artifacts storage, cold storage, an intake/decontamination room on the first floor, and a library reading room and rare book collection area on the second floor.

"The Holisso Center will be cutting edge, one of a kind," said Cooke.

Michelle Cooke

The two-level building will house genealogy collections, photo archives and historic documents all in one location. The building will encompass more than 20,000 square feet.

Currently, Cooke said, different items are stored throughout the Chickasaw Nation. The Holisso Center, she said, would provide a central location for important documents, artifacts and other items.

"It will be one-of-a kind facility for the Chickasaw Nation and Native Americans in this area," she said.

The facility will serve as a home office for several Chickasaw scholars.

Climate and light controlled, the artifact storage will protect fragile and historic documents, including maps, family papers and other artifacts.

Technology will be available to repair and preserve any damaged items. A decontamination area will be utilized to further protect the artifacts.

"Curators will be able to clean and repair almost everything," she said.

A separate area will be designated for CD's, video, photos and slides.

The second level of the Holisso Center will provide many research opportunities, with a reading room and a rare collection area.

Patrons will be able to "don the white gloves in the rare collections room and view very rare books and documents," Cooke said.

Microfilm can also be viewed in this area.

The overall mission of the Holisso Center is to share the history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation with tribal citizens and others.

"We want to continue to share this knowledge with people," Cooke said.

The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library in Ada will still be open, and staff members of the Division of History and Culture are working on grants to stream line the collection.

"We want to digitize the collection and enable people to view the collection and read documents on-line," she said.

A process to update library cards is in the works.

"We will no longer use social security numbers on our library cards," Cooke said.

New library cards will be key cards, similar to those used at the tribal Wellness Centers.

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Connecting effectively with Indian students analyzed

EDMOND, Okla. - More than 75 Chickasaw staff members, Oklahoma tribal representatives, artists and educators gathered on the University of Central Oklahoma campus in Edmond on May 17 with one goal: to learn how to more effectively connect with their American Indian students.

The "Connecting to American Indian Learners Conference" is designed to examine the relationships among American Indian students and their teachers, administration and curriculum.

"So many educators are hesitant to teach Native American material," said Laura Stewart, Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education manager. "They are sensitive to the fact that they might teach something incorrectly and we try to help them to be able to connect with their Native American students."

The conference is co-sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw Nation, the Oklahoma Center for Arts Education, and the Oklahoma Folklife Council

Oklahoma State Rep. Shane Jett, of Shawnee, served as keynote speaker.

"Shane really set the tone for the entire conference," said Carol Holsinger, a teacher from Broken Arrow. "He was extremely encouraging."

Breakout sessions included presentations from the tribe's own LaDonna Brown and Laura Stewart. Brown, production specialist for the tribal multimedia department, examined the cultural identity that could be found in ancient artwork with a presentation entitled "A Full Circle—with a Twist."

Stewart hosted a breakout session further discussing how to connect with American Indian students. Dr. Timothy Baugh led a session regarding Chickasaw relationships during the Eighteenth Century.

Participants enjoyed "make and take" sessions wherein they gained hands-on experience in crafts such as basket weaving and the art of making medicine pouches. Trina Jones, Chickasaw Nation art instructor, demonstrated how to make baked clay tribal power pins.

"The sessions are very helpful," said Jo Anne Alexander, an art teacher from Edmond, "but the interaction you get with the other participants is equally as valuable."

The Connecting to American Learners Conference, now in its fourth year, is an annual event. For more information on future conferences, contact the Oklahoma Center for Arts Education at (405) 216-2588 or at www.ocae.net.

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Trina Jones, Chickasaw Nation art instructor, demonstrates how to construct tribal power pins to the participants of the "Make and Take" session at the Connecting to American Indian Learners Conference on May 17.

Chickasaw anthropologist sees importance of historic art, skills

At the 2008 "Connecting to American Learners Conference," LaDonna Brown discussed what Chickasaws can learn by studying the art and craftsmanship of their ancestors.

"The main place where we can see our identity preserved is through art," she said.

LaDonna Brown

While the people as a whole might lead different lives, Ms. Brown said, there are so many things that can be tied past practices. Discovering and examining these ties has been a long-time passion for Ms. Brown.

As a Chickasaw citizen, Ms. Brown has always felt a strong connection to her ancestors; as an anthropologist, she strives to make connections between the Chickasaws of today and the Chickasaws of yesterday.

Born in Midwest City, Okla., Ms. Brown's family later relocated to McLish, Okla., and she attended McLish public schools, graduating in 1982. She attended the University of Oklahoma before transferring to East Central University and earning a degree in biology.

After college, she worked for the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department and continued to be active with the tribe. In 1999, Ms. Brown stumbled upon an opportunity that would deepen her passion for Native American anthropology.

She heard about an internship at the Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site at Wickliffe, Kentucky and decided to pursue it. Officials offered the internship to Ms. Brown on the spot.

Her time at Wickliffe, an archeological site inhabited by early Mississippian Native American mound builders from A.D. 1100 to 1350, turned out to be an experience extremely valuable to her career.

"I saw so many similarities between what I was studying in Kentucky and what was manifested in Oklahoma," Ms. Brown said of her research.

While at Wickliffe, she earned another bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry) from Southeast Missouri State University and a Master of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Mississippi with an emphasis in Southeastern Anthropology.

Now a production specialist for the tribal multimedia department, she uses her skills and experience to bring the past of the Chickasaw people full circle and make connections with the citizens of today.

In her position, Ms. Brown does everything from presenting cultural programs to school groups to giving tours of the Chickasaw Homelands.

"I see my job as helping Chickasaws make those satisfying connections with our tradition-rich past," she said. "It is amazing when you see eyes light up when a connection is made."

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Children's Indian film series set for Chickasaw Council House Museum

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Council House Museum is preparing to present its American Indian Film Series for Children. The series will take place on June 27, July 25 and August 8.

"This series is intended to give the children a glimpse into Native American history," said Flora Fink, curator manager at the museum. "It also familiarizes them with the museum environment."

Films set to be shown this year are:

June 27: "Dream Keeper," a 2003 release by Hallmark Entertainment that involves a young Native American and his travels with his story-telling grandfather.

July 25: "Education of a Little Tree," which showcases the story of an eight-year-old Cherokee boy during the Depression era. Directed by Richard Friedenberg and produced by Allied Films.

August 8: "Spirit Bear: The Simon Jackson Story," a Screen Door picture directed by Stefan Scaini about a little boy who faces the foresting industry to try to save the endangered Spirit Bear.

Shows will begin at 1 p.m. each day and popcorn and drinks will be served. The movies will be presented in the second floor gallery of the Council House Museum, located at 209 N. Fisher in Tishomingo, Okla.

For more information, contact Flora Fink at (580) 371-3351.

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Underwood & Hamilton Family Reunion 2008

The Underwood and Hamilton family invites all family and friends to join the annual Underwood & Hamilton Reunion at Alice Cass' place in Mill Creek, Okla.

The reunion will be June 27-29, 2008 with events beginning on Friday evening, June 27. The reunion is a time for families to introduce new members and to remember the ones that have gone home. Highlighting the event is the fish fry on Saturday and an old fashion dinner following Sunday morning services by the creek.

Pack up your tent, gather all your old photos and join in on the games, fun and fellowship.

Gov. Anoatubby honored for work on behalf of elders

Governor Bill Annoatubby is presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by Robert "Bob" Rawlings, Chairman of the State Council on Aging, left, and Lance Robertson, Director of Aging Services for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

Governor Bill Anoatubby was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award in the field of aging during the 2008 Oklahoma Conference on Aging in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

"Personally, I don't think the Chickasaw Nation elders could have a better leader who cares more for them," said Wes Bowman, Executive Director of the Southern Oklahoma Development Association and master of ceremonies.

Gov. Anoatubby was one of four recipients of the prestigious award. Other recipients were Hannah D. Atkins, long-time employee of the Oklahoma Department Human Services and member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives; George Miller, a former state representative; and Chief Gregory Pyle of the Choctaw Nation.

After receiving a standing ovation, the Gov. Anoatubby humbly accepted the award.

"You never feel like you are deserving of such an award when you are just doing the right thing," Gov. Anoatubby said. "When you serve your elders, it is the right thing to do."

Karen Cook, Administrator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Aging, was also recognized as one of the 30 Oklahoma tribal aging directors.

In its 33rd year, the Oklahoma Conference on Aging covers many of the issues that surround the needs of older Oklahomans. Older Oklahomans, professional staff in the aging field and elder advocates are among the people who attend.

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Te Ata Fisher employee art show set for June 26-28

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities will host the Te Ata Fisher Chickasaw Nation Employee Art Show from Thursday, June 26 to Saturday, June 28, 2008. The show will be on exhibit at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada, Okla.

"There is a multitude of talent among the employees of the Chickasaw Nation," said Lona Barrick, Administrator for the Division of Arts and Humanities. "The Division is privileged to provide this unique opportunity for them to showcase their talents."

The Division encourages Chickasaw Nation citizens and community members to attend the show.

Artwork from 18 categories will be displayed, including basketry, beadwork, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, painting, photography and digital graphics.

The show opens to the public free of charge June 26, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., June 27 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and June 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

An awards ceremony will be conducted on Saturday, June 28 at 1 p.m. to honor the artist whose artwork was voted as "Best of Show" by their peers. A panel of judges will also award medals and ribbons to outstanding artworks at this time.

Employees who are interested in entering can find more information, including an application, on the Chickasaw Nation Intranet or by contacting Laura Clark or Mark Milligan at (580) 272-5520 or artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw cultural traditions celebrated at Chikashsha Reunion, June 20-21

Loksi races, stickball and an archery shoot are just three traditional Chickasaw activities planned for the 11th annual Chikashsha Reunion, set Friday, June 20 and Saturday June 21 **at** Kullihoma Stomp Ground.

"The Chikashsha Reunion continues to draw Chickasaws from around the country to share their culture, stories and heritage," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

The reunion also provides a glimpse into Chickasaw culture for everyone, he said.

Activities will get under way Friday morning at 10 a.m., with the Chickasaw Honor Guard posting the flags and a prayer by Leerene Frazier.

Demonstrations begin at 10:30 a.m. Corn husk dolls, beadwork, moccasin making, arrows, basket weaving, Chickasaw language, and traditional clothing demonstrations are planned throughout the two-day event.

Youth activities will begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday and continue until 5 p.m., followed by a hamburger fry at 6 p.m.

A social dance starts at 7 p.m. and continues until 10:30 p.m. on Friday, and traditional storytelling commences immediately after the social dance.

The Chickasaw marble game, Chunkey, will begin at 10:30 a.m., Saturday.

An archery shoot is also planned for 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Archers will compete using a longbow and will be divided into two age groups, adult and junior.

A traditional meal including pashofa, fry bread, salt meat, and grape dumplings will be shared beginning at noon on Saturday.

Following the meal, several activities will begin including loski (turtle) races, squirrel stick throwing and a stickball game, which begins at 6:30 p.m. The evening draws to a close with storytelling and a midnight stomp dance.

Overnight camping spaces are available, including tent spaces and a limited number of RV hook ups.

To reach the site, travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles northeast of Ada on Highway 1, then travel three miles east and one mile south.

Volunteers are still needed to help with various activities.

For information, or to volunteer, call (580) 332-8685.

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Chikashsha Ittifama Agenda

Friday, June 20, 2008

10-10:30 a.m.	Color guard
Prayer	Leerene Frazier
Welcome	Tribal Official
10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Demonstrations
11:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Hot dog wagon
1:30-5 p.m.	Youth activities
6-7 p.m.	Hamburger fry
7-10:30 p.m.	Social Dance
10:30-Midnight	Storytelling

Saturday, June 21, 2008

10-10:30 a.m.	Opening
Prayer	Leerene Frazier
Welcome	Tribal Official
10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Demonstrations
10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Archery
10:30-Noon	Marbles
Noon	Tradition lunch
1:30-5 p.m.	Youth activities
1:30-5 p.m.	Council House exhibit
2-3 p.m.	Squirrel Stick throwing
2-3 p.m.	Loksi Races
4-6 p.m.	Youth stickball
2-8 p.m.	Hot dog wagon
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Stickball game
9-10:30 p.m.	Social Dance
10:45-Midnight	Storytelling
Midnight	Stomp dance

Demonstrations include corn husk dolls, beadwork, moccasin making, stick ball, arrows, basket weaving, language, Chickasaw games, and traditional clothing.

Boiling Springs Church children's choir opens Methodist conference

Several Chickasaw children had the honor of being a part of the first Native American group asked to sing during the United Methodist General Conference on April 27 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Children's choir members from Boiling Springs United Methodist Church in Allen, Okla., traveled to Fort Worth to open Sunday worship for the conference.

"We felt very honored to be invited to this conference to perform, said Mary Smith, Boiling Springs United Methodist Church choir director.

"To be among the first Native American group to perform is just amazing."

The group joined 89 other churches and more than 35 tribes represented at the conference.

Led by Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference choir directors Pearl Thomas and Kimberly McKinney, the children sang popular Native American hymns including "Press Along" and "The Heleluyan Song."

Choir members wore traditional dress and sang to a congregation composed of people from across the U.S., and other countries including Bolivia and China.

While practicing during the month leading up to the conference, the children had the opportunity to learn hymns in different Native American languages, as well as teach their own.

Shelby Parnacher, a 12-year-old Chickasaw girl accustomed to singing hymns in the Choctaw language during Boiling Springs worship, learned popular hymns in the Creek language and plans to share them with her congregation.

"Now we can sing some of these songs in Creek, too," Shelby said.

The group was featured in the May 14 issue of *the Native American Times*. It is sold at many stores across Oklahoma or can be accessed at www.nativetimes.com.

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Photo courtesy of United Methodist News Service.

Members of the Boiling Springs United Methodist Church children's choir opened Sunday worship during the United Methodist General Conference in April, in Fort Worth, Texas. Many of the children are Chickasaw, or members of other Southeastern tribes.

Mother of three hitting academic goals

Tribal School to Work student completes associates degree

Gidget Durham

Gidget Durham recently hit a turning point in her academic career.

Last fall, she she became the first Chickasaw Nation School to Work participating to complete an associate degree when she earned her associate degree in science from Murray State College. She is now continuing her education at East Central University in Ada .

Durham recently completed her first semester at ECU, where she majoring in Human Services Counseling, with a minor in Education.

Like most School to Work students, Durham has more on her agenda than school. She is the mother of three children, each of whom attend schools in different cities. Not surprisingly, Durham spends many hours on the road each week.

Her 14-year-old daughter is a student at Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur; her 15-year-old son attends Tishomingo High School; and her 11-year-old is a fifth grader at Mannsville.

"We are transporting everywhere," she said.

Durham and her family live in Mannsville, a tiny community located between Ardmore and Madill in Marshall County. Each day the children's school is in session, she drives from Mannsville to Tishomingo, then to work in Ardmore.

The days she has classes, the trip continues from Ardmore to Ada, which is about an hour commute.

But Durham said she can see the end of the road and the opportunities that lie ahead when she completes her bachelor's degree.

"It is hard work, but I see a glimpse of light at the end of the tunnel," she said.

Upon completing her degree, Durham hopes to work with the Chickasaw Nation.

"I want a job where I can help people," she said.

"It is hard work, but I see a glimpse of light at the end of the tunnel."
- Gidget Durham

Durham enrolled in college fresh out of high school in 1991, and completed one semester before she married and started a family.

She took a few courses at Murray State, but found it difficult to maintain a balance between home, work and school.

"I thought I would never get through with (college)," she said.

She heard about an innovative tribal program called School to Work, and she enrolled. She has only positive remarks about the School to Work program. Students in the program work a 20-hour week and attend class at either the college or the vo-tech level. They are paid for a 40-hour week and are eligible for employee benefits.

Through federal and state financial aid, grants and tribal funds, the students' education is completely funded.

"The staff members are great here," Durham said. "If you are struggling, they are flexible. They want you to succeed."

Durham has served the tribe for many years. She worked at Carter Seminary and at the Chickasaw Nation Head Start in Tishomingo, each for six-year stints.

She was raised in the southern edge of Carter County in the community of McMillan.

Her grandmother, Mina (Christy) Pickens, was an original enrollee who spoke Chickasaw and broken English.

Both of her parents attended boarding school in their youth, so Durham did not learn to speak Chickasaw. She hopes to immerse her children in the Chickasaw culture, so they can better appreciate their heritage.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Births

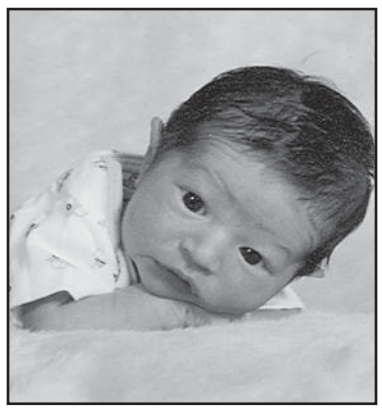
Christian Isaac Hendrix

Christian Isaac Hendrix was born Dec. 27, 2007 at 5:01 p.m. at the Medical Center of Southern Oklahoma in Durant, Okla. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

He is the son of Amy and Chris Hendrix of Tishomingo, Okla.

His maternal grandparents are Cecil and Julia Underwood, of Tishomingo. His maternal great-grandparents are Mary McHenry of Tishomingo and Wilma and the late C.D. Underwood, of Reagan. His great-great-grandparents are the late Isaac and Carrie Underwood.

His paternal grandparents are Glenda Van Curen, of Wynnewood, and Robert and Sandy Orso, of Alvarado, Texas. His paternal great-grandparents are Tommy and Bonnie Luster, of Moore, Okla.



Joshua Anthony Reyes

Joshua Anthony Reyes was born March 13, 2008 at 7:14 p.m., at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, San Jose, Calif.

He weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

He is the son of Justine Salinas and Anthony Reyes, of San Jose.

He is the grandson of Andrea and Simon Morales and Jesse J. Salinas, Sr., all of San Jose, and Jimmy and Yvonne Reyes, of Merced, Calif. He is the great-grandson of James and Patsy Perry, of Ada, Okla., (formerly of San Jose), and the great-great-grandson of Ruby McKinney, of Ada. He is the great-great-great-grandson of original enrollee the late Caroline E. (Illetewahke) Milligan. Who for 108 years graced our presence.

Birthdays

Payton Ann Hanley

Payton Ann Hanley celebrated her first birthday March 1, 2008. Payton is the daughter of Micky and Coney Hanley, of Cherokee, Texas.

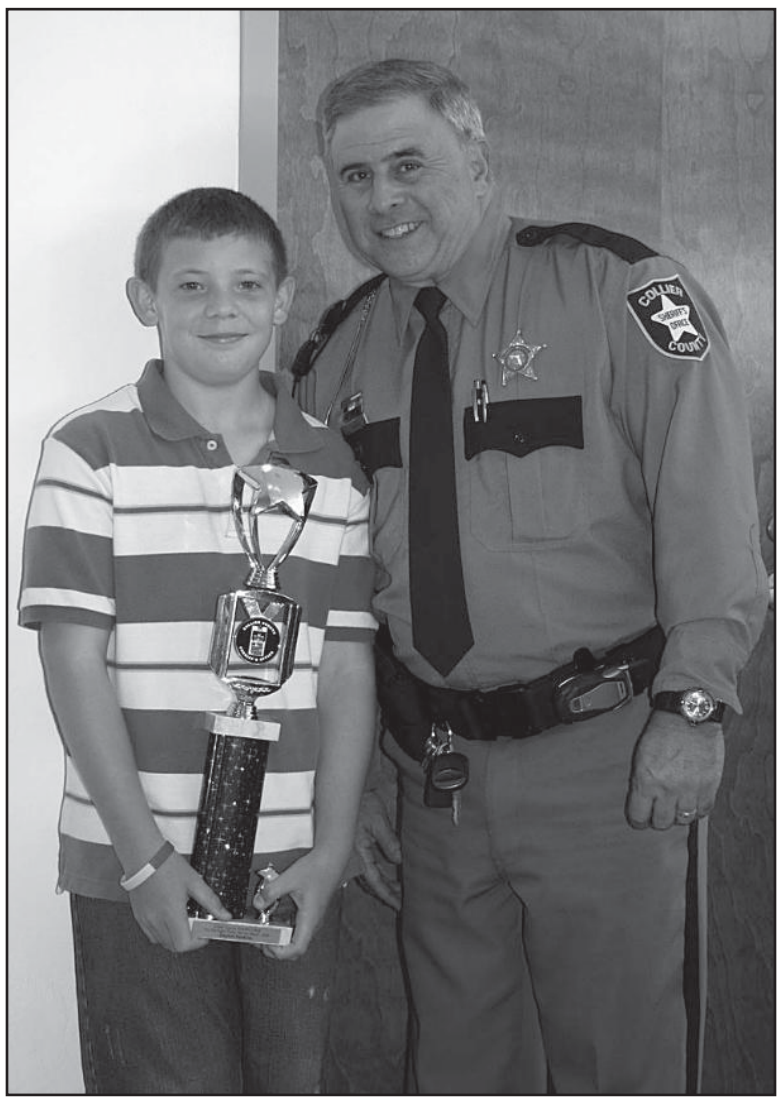
She is the granddaughter of Ricky and Chris Maddox, of Cherokee. She is the great-granddaughter of Mike and Charlotte Mullican, of Brownwood, Texas, and Popeye and Jan Bollinghouse, of Cherokee, and Ginger Paulk, of Ada, Okla. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Ruby McKinney, of Ada. She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee, the late Caroline Milligan.

She is the niece of Crystal, Jason, Roddy and David.

Emerson Family Reunion

Sunday, June 15, 2008
Mill Creek (OK) Community Center
Lunch will be served at noon.
Bring a covered dish and memories!

Chickasaw boy honored for heroism



Chickasaw student Dayton Haskins holds the trophy he was awarded for his heroic actions. At right is Deputy Joseph Rakow, Collier County, Florida Sheriff's Office youth relations deputy.

A Chickasaw boy from Florida recently received an award for his heroic actions in saving a young child.

Dayton Haskins, a fifth-grader at Corkscrew Elementary School in Naples, Florida, received the "Do The Right Thing" Award during ceremonies on March 24. Dayton received the award along with two other boys who participated in the rescue.

The award was presented by Collier County Sheriff's Department.

Earlier in March, Dayton was playing at a friend's home when a three-year-old boy fell head-first into the swimming pool while trying to reach a ball. Dayton and two friends jumped in the pool and saved the boy from drowning.

Each of the three boys was presented a trophy, backpack, lunch box, plaque and medal.

Dayton is the son of Jeff and Wendy Haskins, of Naples. He has one brother, Cole.

He is the grandson of Bob and Lois Murray, Cape Coral, Florida, Lee George and Ferrie Treadway, both of Ada, and Neil and Debbie Haskins, of Wynnewood, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Jodie Lee George, of Ada, and the late W.P. "Dub" George.

Aunts and uncles include Mike and Sheila Davis, Shelly Gaines and Heather Haskins, all of Ada, and Jack and Kim Windle, of Blanchard, Okla., and Kevin and Roxie Igo, of Plainview, Texas, and Steve Lunsford, of Stratford, Okla.

Indian taco fundraiser July 18

A benefit fundraiser has been set for next month for a Chickasaw woman.

The July 18 Indian taco sale will benefit Debbie Carnes. Mrs. Carnes was diagnosed with breast cancer earlier this year.

The Indian taco sale will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, July 18 at the Miko gym on the Chickasaw Nation headquarters campus. Taco, dessert and tea is $5 and free delivery is available in the Ada area.

Mrs. Carnes is the wife of Gerald Carnes. Her parents are Herman and Opal Walker, and her grandmother is Pauline Walker.

To contribute, please send donations to: Debbie Carnes Benefit, P.O. Box 104, Allen, OK 74825. Please request a receipt if you need that document.

Cravatt Family Reunion

June 21 & 22, 2008
Norma and James House
Sulphur, OK
Bring something for Auction Bingo and Potluck Dinner!
Everyone is invited including extended family.
For hotel information, directions or estimated time of arrival, contact Tommy Cravatt at (580) 276-9535 or (580) 277-9566 cell; or Shirley Lewis at (580) 622-2956.

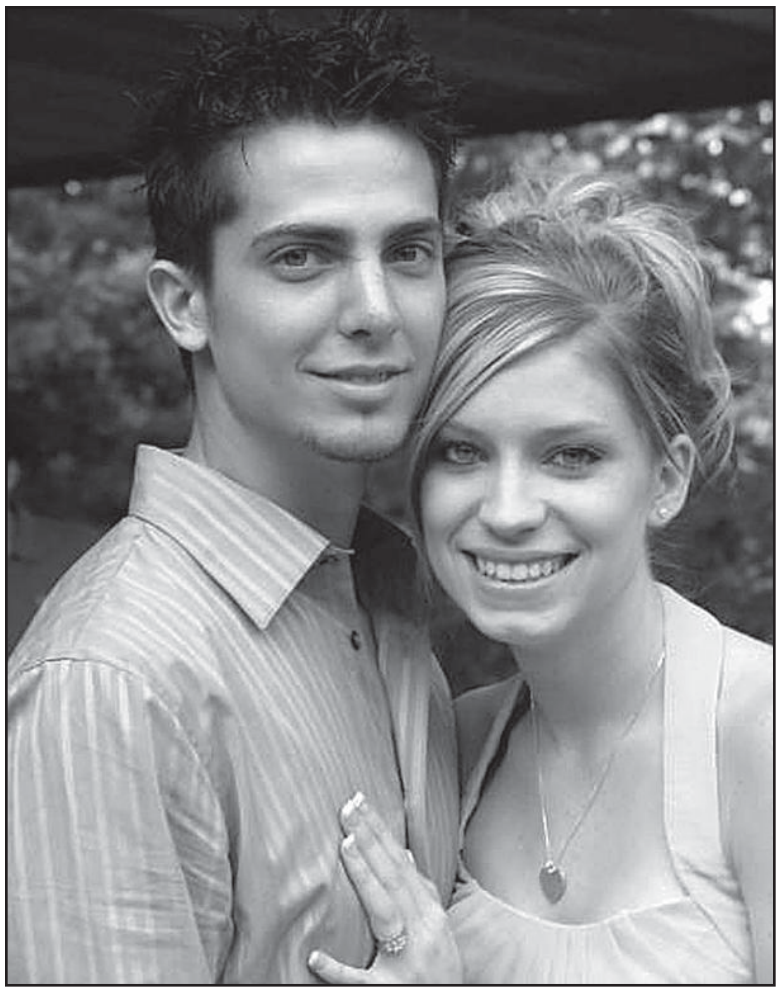
100th year celebration of Vanoss

Vanoss High School
Tickets: $10 in advance, $11 at the door
(tickets include brisket meal)
Advance tickets must be purchased by June 26, 2008.
To purchase tickets call Norma Hurley (580) 272-8276 or Laura Cothern (580) 759-3707

Notice

Marshall County Chickasaw Council's June 10 meeting is cancelled so everyone may attend the special dinner that the Nation is providing.

Frost, Alexander to wed



Crystal Frost and Will Alexander

Crystal Frost and Will Alexander will exchange wedding vows June 28, 2008 in Durant, Okla.

The future bride is the daughter of Bill and Gloria Frost, of Mead, Okla. She is a graduate of Silo High School and currently attends Grayson County College where she is studying radiology. She is employed as assistant manager of The Buckle.

The future bridegroom is the son of Rick and Beth Alexander, of Achille, Okla. He is the grandson of the late Don Leake and June Leake, of Sherman, Texas, and the great-grandson of original enrollee Mary Annetta Collins.

Mr. Alexander is a graduate of Victory Life Academy and is employed as a motorcycle technician with Honda Polaris of North Texas.

The couple will make their home in Sherman, Texas.

Neal – Hawkins Family Reunion

Descendants of Silas W. Nail and Jimpson J. Hawkins, Oliver Neal, and Betsy Hawkins

"Honoring our Elders and Veterans"

Saturday, August 2, 2008
2 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Chickasaw Community Center
700 North Mississippi
Ada, OK 74820
(580) 332-1165

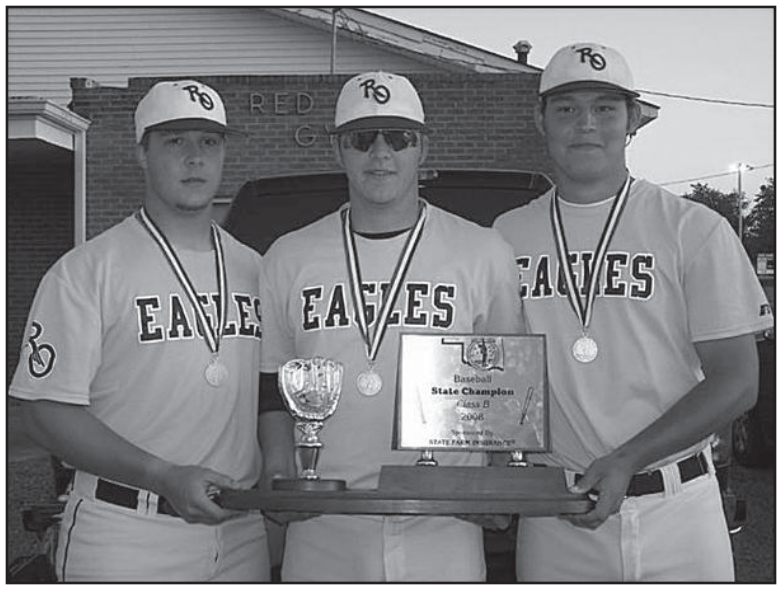
All friends and relatives are invited to attend and requested to bring a covered dish!

Host Hotel: Microtel
1003 Lonnie Abbott Blvd.
Ada, OK 74820
(580) 436-9900
$55 + tax

Let them know you are with the Hawkins Reunion to receive this rate

For more information contact, Alma Johnson at (405) 275-5466 or email: AlmaJohnson56@aol.com; or Oliver Neal, III at (209) 544-2864 or email: oliverneal@sbcglobal.net

Chickasaw brothers on top Red Oak squad



From left, Dakota, Justin and Dustin Knight.

Three Chickasaw brothers, all ballplayers, helped their team win a championship this spring.

Dakota Knight, Justin Knight and Dustin Knight combined to help the Red Oak Oklahoma Eagles baseball team win the Class B championship during May in Oklahoma City.

Justin graduated from high school in May and has accepted an athletic scholarship to Eastern Oklahoma State College. He was also selected an All-State player.

The boys are the sons of Justin and Krissie Knight, of Red Oak, Okla. Their grandfather is John Ross and their great-grandmother is Lois Ross, both of Fittstown, Okla.

Chickasaw sisters named to Oklahoma Indian Honor Society

Megan, Jordan and Jessica Scott

The Oklahoma Council for Indian Education recently honored 651 outstanding Indian high school and college students during the annual Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society induction and banquet.

To qualify for the honor society, students must maintain a 3.9 cumulative grade point average. Students must also demonstrate moral character, leadership skills, participation in cultural activities, and service to the tribe and the community.

Honorees receive certificates, eagle pins and tshirts.

Included among the honorees were Chickasaw sisters Megan Scott, Jordan Scott and Jessica Scott. All three girls attend Ada (OK) High School where they participate in cheerleading, dance, gymnastics and other activities.

Megan, Jordan and Jessica are the daughters of Danny and Michelle Key, of Ada.

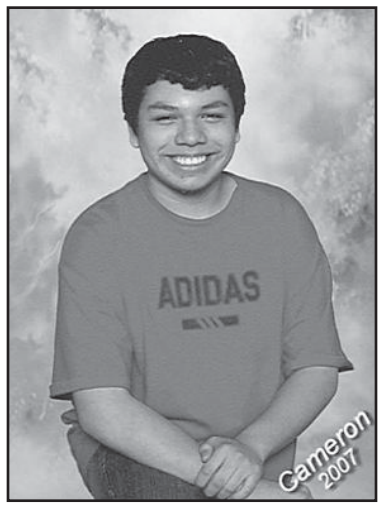
Grandparents are Lindsay and Jerrye Southward Zanies, and Jayme and Judy Scott, all of Ringling, Okla., and Ann Key, of Ada.

The girls are the great-granddaughters of Skeets Awtrey and Thelma Scott, of Ringling.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home. If you know of a Chickasaw you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the public affairs department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Student honored for academics



Cameron Chavez

A Chickasaw student has recently been selected for an academic honor.

Cameron Rojo Chavez, a rising sophomore at Allen (OK) High School, was chosen to be listed in "Who's Who Among All American Scholars" for 2007-2008.

The listing is through the United States Achievement Academy. Cameron now qualifies to apply for the Scholarship Foundation Awards Program.

Cameron has maintained a 3.45 grade point average during his high school career.

He is the son of Aileen Littleman, of Allen.

He is the grandson of the late Clifford and Bessie Brown, and the great-grandson of original enrollees Esau and Viney Sealy Smith and Louie D. and Chetona Porter Brown.

Lt. Gov. Keel delivers East Central University commencement address

Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and ECU President Richard Rafes at the 2008 Spring Commencement Ceremony. Photo courtesy of Ryan Witherill, ECU Communications and Marketing Department.

ADA, Okla. - Lieutenant Governor Jefferson Keel delivered the keynote address at East Central University's Spring Commencement ceremony. The graduation was Saturday, May 10, 2008.

A 1978 graduate of ECU, Lt. Gov. Keel addressed 721 degree candidates at the ceremonies. He congratulated the graduates, as well as their families, friends and loved ones who helped them succeed.

"You made it," Lt. Gov. Keel said. "I know there were times when you thought you'd never get to this point, but you did."

Earlier this year, Lt. Gov. Keel was named the 2008 East Central University Distinguished Alumnus, the highest honor the university bestows on former students.

"Jefferson Keel is truly an outstanding individual," said ECU President Dr. Richard Rafes, "We are proud and fortunate to have him as an alumnus."

College was not an option for 16-year-old Jefferson Keel when he graduated from Tishomingo (OK) High School in 1964.

"First of all, we couldn't afford it, and I didn't know what to expect or what I wanted to do," he said.

He did know that he wanted to see the world. So at 17, he enlisted in the Oklahoma Army National Guard.

Right out of basic training, Keel enrolled in one semester at Murray State College in Tishomingo.

After the semester, however, Keel decided to enlist in the U.S. Army.

His combat service included nearly three years as an infantryman with the 1st Cavalry Division and the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. He also served as an instructor with the U.S. Army Rangers and participated in many exercises with conventional and Special Operations Forces.

It was in 1974 that his company commander encouraged him to go back to college.

Keel returned to Murray State and earned an associates degree before transferring to ECU to graduate with a degree in health and physical education in 1978.

While at ECU, Keel completed the university's Reserve Officers Training Corps program and received the Gen. George C. Marshall Award for leadership excellence and academic achievement as ECU's top military student.

Upon graduation, Keel returned to active duty with the U.S. Army. He served at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Carson, Colorado, and as commander at posts in Europe.

During his time as a fire support instructor at Fort Rucker, Alabama he earned his master's degree from Troy State University.

Lt. Gov. Keel's military commendations are many, and include two Purple Hearts.

In September 1999, Keel was elected Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. In this capacity, he manages several divisions and serves on a number of national committees that provide the tribe a voice in federal Indian policies.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw author speaks at U.N. indigenous forum

Linda Hogan

A Chickasaw author and lecturer recently spoke at the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at the United Nations in New York. Linda Hogan, Chickasaw Nation writer-in-residence was one of two Native writers invited to speak. The other was Zapotec writer Natalya Toledo, Oaxaca, Mexico.

Both writers talked about the role of writing in Native worlds. The way writers preserve and pass on knowledge and traditions for Native peoples through the written and spoken word was discussed and Hogan said that most non - Indian Americans prefer to read books about Indians rather than by Indians, and both authors talked about the significance of the written word for Native peoples.

They also discussed freedom of expression, and how "bearing witness" was a factor in addressing and maintaining human rights. Native language was also a topic for the two writers because Native languages contain embedded knowledge of cultural and biological diversity central to a region.

The focus of this year's forum was global warming and its effects on indigenous people throughout the world. Climate change has created difficulties, Hogan said, for people dependent on, and in close relationship with the land and its resources. It has created loss of land, human rights violations, unemployment and other problems.

The Sami representative spoke about the effects of the weather upon the health of the reindeer herds. Droughts in the western Amazon rainforest have resulted in fires, affecting the livelihoods of people in the region. In the Arctic, there are fewer food sources.

In Africa's Kalahari, rising temperatures, increased wind speed, dune expansion, and loss of vegetation, have created situations where people live around government drilled bores in order to have enough water to survive.

Some groups are focusing on new ways of addressing the problem. In North America, indigenous communities are using wind and solar power. In Central and South America, people are shifting their agricultural locations and homes. In Bangladesh, villagers are creating floating vegetable gardens in the face of increased flooding. Vietnamese tribal communities are planting dense mangroves along the coast to break tropical storm waves.

Even with a difficult focus, Hogan said, it was an exciting event to meet and see so many tribal people together making change.

Linda Hogan is a Pulitzer finalist, a novelist, poet, environmental writer, and teacher. Because of her interest in the environment she was especially interested in this seventh Permanent Indigenous People's Forum topic. Thousands of people from around the globe attended to address the Secretariat General.

Vietnam wall coming to Tishomingo

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel will serve as Master of Ceremonies in Tishomingo as the city begins its hosting of The Moving Wall. The Moving Wall is a traveling one-half sized replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Tishomingo will be the home for the memorial from June 26-30. It will be on display 24 hours a day while it rests at Indian Field, located at Tishomingo High School, 1300 E. Main.

Lt. Gov. Keel will emcee the opening ceremonies beginning at 10 a.m. on June 27. Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins will be the featured speaker.

Also participating will be Lt. Gen. James Thurman, Deputy Director of Operations for the U.S. Army, and Honor Guards representing the Five Civilized Tribes.

A Candlelight Service will be conducted at 9 p.m. on June 29 to honor the more than 58,000 American men and women who gave their lives during the Vietnam War.

For more information on this exhibit, contact event coordinator Betty Roan at (580) 371-0569, ext. 201.

Student tabbed Marshall ambassador

Erik Reed

Chickasaw student Erik Reed, a third-year honor student at Langston (OK) University, has been chosen to represent Langston as the Ambassador for the Thurgood Marshall Foundation. This year he will be traveling to New York.

Mr. Reed was also elected Langston Student Government vice president. He received one semester scholarship for his election.

He also received a summer internship with Love's Corporation in the company's Public Relations Department.

Mr. Reed is also the President of the Phi Beta sigma – Beta Epsilon chapter and a member of Student In Free Enterprise (SIFE.)

He is a business major and his passion is motivational speaking.

Mr. Reed is the son of Tina Reed, of Oklahoma City.

He is the grandson of Carnell Peachlyn Sr., and Etta Ruth and Leo Watkins, all of Pauls Valley, Okla.

Cousins serving in Iraq

From left, Sgt. Mark Poe, Staff Sgt. Gerry Poe and Sgt. Alan Poe.

Three Chickasaw cousins are all currently serving tours of duty with the U.S. Army in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Gerry Poe, Sgt. Mark Poe and Sgt. Alan Poe are all serving with Army units deployed to the Iraq theatre.

S.Sgt. Gerry Poe and his wife, Shonda, are from Oklahoma City. S.Sgt. Poe is the son of Leo and Deb Poe.

Sgt. Mark Poe and his wife, Cheree, are from Madill, Okla. His parents are Tony Poe and Andrea Blevins.

Sgt. Alan Poe and his wife, Shawna, are from Ada, Okla. The couple has a son, Mikael. Sgt. Poe is the son of David and Sharon Poe.

We are proud of our men in uniform!

Chickasaw institute sign completes Eagle project

Chickasaw Boy Scout James Reynolds, left, with fellow Scouts Ryan Bond and Dalton Walker. The sign designating the site of the Collins Institute was a part of James' Eagle project.

A Chickasaw Boy Scout has recently completed his Eagle project, which includes a new sign at the location of an historic Chickasaw institution.

James Reynolds, a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 4, Ada, Okla., built and erected the new sign at the site of the Collins Institute. The institute was established in 1887 and served as a manual labor school for boys, and later as a boarding school for girls.

The Collins Institute was originally supported by both the Southern Methodist Church and the Chickasaw Nation. After three years, the institute was supported entirely by the tribe.

The Collins Institute was located near the community of Frisco. Frisco is about seven miles south of Ada.

The Chickasaw Nation reviewed James' plans for the new sign and approved the project. James and other scouts erected the sign May 17.

James will be working as a counselor at Camp Simpson at Bromide, Okla., this summer.

James, 15, is a rising sophomore at Ada High School. He is the son of Brad and Margaret Reynolds, of Ada.

Chickasaw in Peach Queen competition

Rachel Hawkins

Rachel Danielle Hawkins, a Chickasaw student from Stratford, Okla., is competing for the title of "Peach Queen" during Stratford's annual Peach Festival. The Peach Festival is conducted each July in Stratford.

Miss Hawkins, 18, is a student at Stratford High School.

Her hobbies include photography, dancing, listening to music and being with friends. She volunteers with the Brownies and with senior citizens in Wynnewood and Purcell.

Miss Hawkins works at Braum's ice cream and dairy store in Pauls Valley.

Miss Hawkins is seeking donations to her fund. Donations may be sent to: P.O. Box 465, Stratford, OK 74872. Checks may be made payable to: Stratford Chamber of Commerce. Please enter "Rachel Hawkins" on the check memo line.

Miss Hawkins is the daughter of Ronnie and Donna Hawkins, of Stratford. She has a brother, Charles, and a sister, Jean Michele Dozier, and brother-in-law, Dennis Dozier. Her nephew is Noah Riley Hornbuckle.

Way to go!

Addison "Addie" Miller, 11, displays her Chickasaw Honor Club "Outstanding Achievement Award," presented to her in March. We are proud of you, Addie!

Chickasaw student recognized for activities

Kaleb Ogle

A Chickasaw middle school student has been recognized for his achievements.

Kaleb Ogle, a 13-year-old seventh-grader at Newcastle (OK) Middle School, was named the school's male "Student of the Second Quarter." Kaleb has maintained a high grade point average and participates in a number of school activities.

He plays football, baseball and basketball and runs track. He is also an avid outdoorsman and has participated in dramatic presentations.

He has harvested pheasant, quail as well as four antlered deer.

Kaleb had a role in the Sooner Theatre presentation "Oliver" and in the OCCC summer camp presentation of "Oklahoma!" He sang the national anthem at the Chickasaw gathering at Newcastle earlier this year.

Kaleb is a descendant of original enrollee Susie Maytubby (Brown) Clopton, and original enrollee Sophia Easter Clopton Foster.

Kaleb is the son of James and Brenda Ogle, of Newcastle. The family lives on a small portion of Susie Clopton's original allotment.

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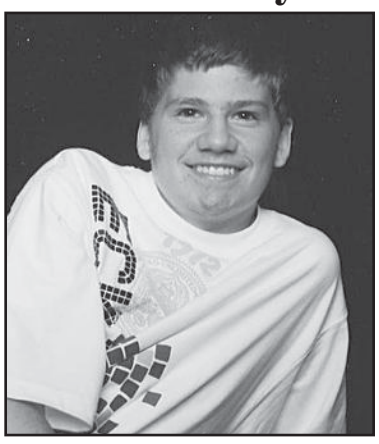
Student inducted into National Honor Society



Adam Tedore

A Chickasaw student has recently been inducted into a high school honor society.

Adam Tedore, of Columbus, Georgia, was inducted into the National Honor Society. Adam, a rising senior at Hardaway High School, has maintained a 96 average during his first three years of high school. National Honor Society members must achieve a minimum 92 average for their freshman through junior years.

Adam is active in basketball and roller hockey.

He is the son of Tony and Lori Tedore, and he has two sisters, Desirae and Andrea.

He is the grandson of Joe and Alicia Johnson, and is the great-grandson of Bea Barrick, all of Ada, Okla., and the late Willis "Buster" Barrick.

Adam is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Nathaniel Thomas Brown.

Outstanding JOM student

Sofie Attebery

Chickasaw student Sofie Attebery was recently presented a trophy for Outstanding JOM Female Student at Francis (OK) Elementary School.

Sofie is in the first grade at Francis. She also received a medal for mathematics.

She is the daughter of Kathy Attebery.

We are proud of you!

Honored by House

Chickasaw student Rebecca Mayes, foreground, was recently recognized at the Oklahoma House of Representatives for her 2008 level 8 State Championship on the Uneven Bars. State Rep. Lisa Johnson-Billy, left, presented Rebecca with a citation on the House floor. Rebecca is the daughter of Roger and Carrie Mayes. She attends Purcell (OK) Junior High School.

House page

Masheli Billy, a seventh grader at Purcell (OK) Junior High School, recently served as a personal page in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. He served for his mother, State Representative Lisa Johnson-Billy. Masheli was elected in 2007 to the Chickasaw Nation Youth Council for Pontotoc District. He is the grandson of Frank Johnson, Sr.

Centennial Plaza

Photo courtesy of Comanche Times.

Ron and Margaret Goetz, of Comanche, Okla., stand in front of the Comanche Centennial Plaza. Dedicated April 19, 2008, the granite plaza gives visitors a glimpse of the city's history and how it intertwines with the Chickasaw Nation and other tribes. Flags from the Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation, State of Oklahoma, and the City of Comanche, as well as the American flag, fly over the plaza. The Chickasaw flag was donated by the Chickasaw Nation. Mr. Goetz is a member of the Comanche City Council and Mrs. Goetz is a Chickasaw citizen.

Chickasaw representing Texas city

Julia Anderson

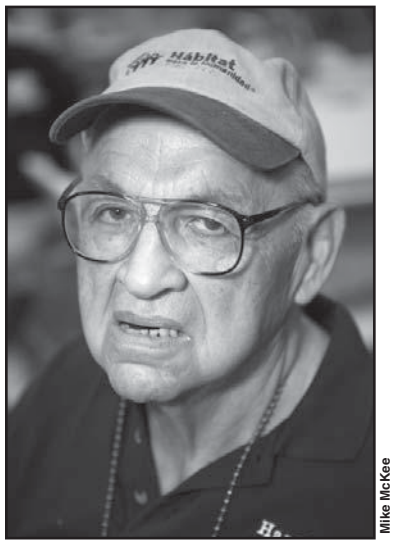
Julia Anderson, a Chickasaw citizen living in Las Colinas, Texas, will represent the City of Grapevine in the upcoming Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant on July 5. Miss Anderson ,22, is the daughter of Lisa Anderson and the granddaughter of Jerry Edler, both Chickasaw citizens. She is the great-great grandaughter of orinal enrollee Lillie Armildia Moore.

Miss Anderson won the title of Miss Grapevine in March, out of a field of 16 contestants. She performed a tap number to Liza Minnelli's "Mein Herr" which propeled her to first in the talent competition. She also finished tops in the interview category.

She attends the University of Texas at Arlington, where she is a business and dance major.

Miss Anderson is very proud of her Chickasaw heritage, and wears a Chickasaw lapel pin on her interview suit. She is hoping it will bring her as much good fortune on July 5 as it did in March.

Chickasaw boxer learned self-defense early in life


Mike McKee

Louis Parker

Louis Lowrance Parker has never been a man to back away from a battle.

Born May 16, 1931 near Sulphur, Okla., Mr. Parker faced some of life's most difficult battles head on at a very early age.

One of the most difficult, when he was not yet even seven years old, was his parents' divorce.

He was sent to Jones Academy out of necessity after his parents split.

"We were dirt poor," said Mr. Parker.

He and his father, Mr. Parker said, lived in a "one room shack" after the divorce.

Shortly after stepping off the bus at Jones Academy at age seven, the young Parker was greeted with a punch in the face.

He soon joined the boxing team.

Early battles as a boxer at Jones Academy were a precursor of many more Mr. Parker would face throughout his life. Some of those battles were with outside forces; others came from within.

Jones supplied food and basic necessities in short supply at home, but the formal education there left much to be desired.

"They taught us a lot of ag classes – farming and ranching," Mr. Parker said. "No one ever told us we could do anything else like being a doctor or a lawyer or anything like that."

While he was able to return home during summers and "some Christmases," being away from his family was very difficult. This led to feelings of abandonment, anger and rejection.

Because most of the students at Jones were Choctaw, Mr. Parker endured abuse for being part Chickasaw and part non-Indian.

"Pretty soon I became like most of the other kids," he said. "Fighting just became part of our life."

After finishing his time at Jones, Mr. Parker attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas from age 14 to 15.

"I was kind of a problem kid," he said. "I flunked the ninth grade and got kicked out as an incorrigible."

Still dealing with feelings of abandonment, he moved to California, where he joined his father as a transient agricultural worker in the San Joaquin Valley.

While he was making more money than he had ever made before, his father was spending it all. That led him to part ways with his father in short order.

He had long been fascinated with the military, and he joined the U.S. Marine Corps at age 16.

"I fit right in because I was already institutionalized," he said. "It was kind of an easy go for me because I was looking forward to it. Of course at 16, I was six foot two and weighed about 200 pounds. I was also a boxer, so I got by quite well."

A standout as a military police officer, Mr. Parker was chosen from among 400 Marines for service as a member of the Honor Guard for General Douglas MacArthur in Tokyo.

While there, he married a Japanese woman he seldom saw because she was not allowed to live on the military base.

He soon left that duty by mutual agreement with the detachment commander and returned to his previous unit.

He was involved in a number of intense battles. He saw more than his share of violence and death, but was somewhat indifferent to the carnage of war for most of his service.

One notable incident changed that attitude.

"I remember sitting on the frozen turf of a North Korean battlefield holding this soldier in my arms – he had been shot in the stomach, his blood and guts running through my fingers – until he died, Mr. Parker said.

"People who knew me thought I would immediately want to go out and kill as many of the enemy as I could. All that happened was I felt this real sad feeling.

"I did my duty after that, but that changed me. The war changed me. I never had the same feeling about it."

His sadness deepened when he found out through the mail that his Japanese wife had committed suicide.

Not long after, he returned to the U.S. and left the Marine Corps.

He considered a career as a professional boxer, but discovered he no longer had the speed necessary to compete successfully on a professional level.

"Professional wrestling was pretty popular then," Mr. Parker said. "I saw it on tv and thought 'I can do that,'" he said.

He began training and had a few matches as a wrestler before a knee injury ended hopes of a career as a professional athlete.

Mr. Parker earned a degree in police science and worked for a time as a police officer before embarking on a 50-year career as a private investigator in California.

A few years into that career, he married a second time. He and his wife Dorothy have five children, four girls and one son.

His son, Lou Jr., followed in the footsteps of his father as a private investigator. His three youngest daughters are pursuing successful careers in various fields.

His oldest daughter was born with brain damage and a heart defect. Doctors did not expect her to live to see her teenage years.

While she spent much of her life in medical facilities because of her health, she lived to be 48 years of age.

"It was a real blessing to have her that long," Mr. Parker said.

Today, he is semi-retired.

His primary battle now is fighting for the rights of individuals like his daughter who are forced to spend their lives in medical facilities.

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Correction

The tribal Road to Work program offers transportation to multiple communities within the Chickasaw Nation.

In the May edition of the Chickasaw Times, the toll-free phone number provided was incorrect.

The correct toll-free number is 1-800-492-2115.

The Road to Work program manager is Rick Miller.

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Six centers celebrate our youngest students

Chickasaw Head Start graduates over 150 students

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start program conducted six Head Start graduations during the month of May. More than 150 Head Start students graduated from the Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Madill, Sulphur and Tishomingo Head Start centers.

Graduates from each center celebrated graduation by performing skits and singing songs for family members, friends and guests. Chickasaw Nation officials, center directors, supervisors, teachers and staff members congratulated and awarded diplomas to graduates during the ceremonies.

"Head Start is one of the most important educational stepping stones in a child's life," said Governor Anoatubby. "It is great to see these children accomplish the first of many future educational endeavors."

Head Start is a national program that serves children ages three to four from income-eligible families. The program focuses on the family as the most important influence in a child's life and offers components in education, parent and guardian involvement, health, social services and services for children with disabilities.

Applications for the Head Start program are accepted at the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Center or Head Start Centers throughout the service area. Applications may also be mailed or faxed to applicants. Once the application with required documentation is completed and returned to the center, the child will be placed on a waiting list and a Federal Priority Ranking system is used to select children for the program.

The Head Start program consists of six centers serving more than 250 children throughout the Chickasaw Nation. Head Start centers are located in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Madill, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program and to obtain an application, contact Chickasaw Nation Head Start director Danny Wells at (580) 436-7276, an area Head Start center or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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The Ada Head Start graduation was Monday, May 5 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada. Students pictured with Lt. Gov. Keel, Gov. Anoatubby, Division of Education Administrator Lisa John and Head Start Director Danny Wells are, back row from left, Klaudia Sotelo, Evan Prince, AJ Colley, Trenton Barnes, Josh Cox, Katherine Cozad, Dominic Luna, Ashantay Reyes, Kenidee Koontz, Madison Adams, Danya Impson, Araceli Gutierrez, Madison Crispin, Caden Winchester and Sayir Tomayo. Middle row from left, Sophia Walker, Micah Postoak, Lauryn Little, Daniel Hamilton, Brandon Boyer, Kelsey Morgan, Starr Martin, Bryce Short, Geordana Frazier, Christopher Wilkerson, Tavian Luckey, Ty'Ray Poorbuffalo, Christopher Wilkerson and Antonio Noriega. Front row from left, Ariel Snodgrass, Tres Gregory, Maci Dansby, Mattison Cooley, Natalie Hilton, Jacelyn West-Standridge, Lastenia Lainez-Ortiz, Lindsey Keel, Caitlin Hamilton, Cole Higdon, Latosha Price, Cole Collins, Sarah Johnson and Ashton Brown.

The Duncan Head Start graduation was Thursday, May 15 at the Foursquare Gospel Church in Duncan. Students pictured with Head Start Director Danny Wells, Lt. Gov. Keel, Gov. Anoatubby and Division of Education Administrator Lisa John are, back row from left, Thomas Yarbrough, Shalynn Shahan, Bradley Dickinson, Keshaun Taylor, Christian Neift, Matthew Harrison, Brayden Carter, Joseph Montoya and Coty Loftin. Front row from left, Kayla Cox, Cindy Kerns, Jacylia Johnson, Tyson Walker, Alyssa Childers, Benjamin Ba, Cooper Webb and Jacy Casady.

The Tishomingo Head Start graduation was Wednesday, May 14 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Tishomingo. Students pictured with Gov. Anoatubby, Division of Education Administrator Lisa John and Head Start Director Danny Wells are, back row from left, Tanner Akers, Terry Bradford, Cameron Smith, Monnie Reed, Seth Stowe and Alissa Brodeur. Front row from left, Jacob Carter, Jasmine Devitt, Breanna Floyd, Shayla Kibart and Eric Pickens.

The Ardmore Head Start graduation was Thursday, May 15 at the Christ Community Church in Ardmore. Back row from left are, teacher assistant Melissa West, teacher Ashli Baker, cook Gregory Bowens, Division of Education Administrator Lisa John, Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Keel, Head Start Director Danny Wells, teacher Beth Harris and teacher assistant Debbie Parsons. Fourth row from left, Isaac Aguilar, Brandon Allen, Kierstin Coffin, Caspar Bolding, Shilynn Cryer, Da'Jon Haskins, Jaliyah Horton, Maliyah Johnson, William Potts, Jamia Stevenson, Jared Johns and Teacher Assistant Gayle Baker. Third row from left, Ardmore Center supervisor Janice Richardson, Eric Agers, Tyrazah Austin, Abby Arnold, Angelina Bruner, Francisco Hernandez, Shema Marris, Miguel Molina, Erika Onate, Hayden Potts, Elijah Rambo and teacher assistant Cynde Lewis. Second row from left, teacher Sylena Robertson, Tiona Cohee, Rebekah Mose, Alan Mariles, Brian Lopez, Elizabeth Graysneck, Jaron Henson, Brayden Anoatubby, Dalton Beesley, Kourtney Clark, Jakirah Bennett and teacher Christina Hodges. Front row from left, Makalia Barber, Treva Berry, TaVion Brown, Jaylin Colbert, Kahner Green, Trisha Griffith, Honesty Lopez, Christian Olson, Michael Hansard and Carlah Robinson.

Head Start parents, volunteers feted at appreciation dinner

The tribal Division of Education acknowledged Head Start parents and volunteers at the Head Start Parent Appreciation Dinner Thursday, May 1 at the Murray County Expo Center in Sulphur, Okla.

Pins and plaques were presented to several Head Start parents and volunteers for serving as committee members and officers, policy council representatives, top classroom and center volunteers, foster grandparents and reading volunteers.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program, contact Head Start director Danny Wells at (580) 436-7276, an area Head Start Center or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Head Start Director Danny Wells presents Misty Stowe with the "Head Start Volunteer of the Year" award. Ms. Stowe volunteered 416 hours toward Head Start activities.

Parent and volunteer members from the Ada center receive pins at the Head Start Parent Appreciation Dinner. Back row from left, Summer Jones, Parent Committee Vice-President; Rick Miller, Parent Committee President; Sherri Miller, Policy Council Representative; Michelle Wilson, Community Representative; and Melissa Morgan, Ada Center Supervisor. Front row from left, Jennifer Johnson, Alternate Policy Council Representative; Sonya Frazier, Policy Council Representative; Chenae Lippard, Policy Council Representative; and Chrishan Cooley, Policy Council Representative.

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The Madill Head Start Graduation was Wednesday, May 14 at the Madill Middle School Auditorium. Students pictured with Special Assistant to the Governor Kennedy Brown and Head Start Director Danny Wells are, back row from left, Zoey Renee Hillsberry, Kaylee Nicole Young, Dakota Granvell Beshirs, Brylee Cheyenne Bruster, Carina Gonzalez Castaneda, Fernanda Hernandez, Jhayrimiel Granado Marquez, Shylee Rain Kenedy and Sagrario Camacho. Front row from left, Angel Servando Hernandez-Estrada, Gracie Taylor Jones, Haylee Lane Howard, Misti Shyann Tynes, Selena Bautista, Ellary Kaidance Awalt, Reyes Silva, Angel Ivan Campos-Vargas, Andrea Crystal Segura, Conner Gage Mathis and Rafael Quiroz, Jr.

The Sulphur Head Start graduation was Monday, May 5 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Sulphur. Pictured with Division of Education Administrator Lisa John, Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Keel, Chickasaw Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon and Head Start Director Danny Wells are, back row from left, classroom one teacher, Jonie Wallace, Brody Vandagriff, Matthew Wells, Daxton Dye, Garrett Stinson, Jimmy Rolen and classroom two teacher assistant Frances Barrett. Middle row from left, teacher assistant Patricia Marsh, Harley Gonsalves, Payton McClure, Eduardo Gonzales, Dayton Goodridge, Ko Withrow and classroom two teacher Crystal Lewis. Front row from left, Jacob Hickman, Joan Castorena, Kaleb Dunham, Drake Stiles, Brock Bradley and Shelby McGregor.

Head Start Parent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, continued from page 25

Ardmore Center parent and volunteer members receive recognition at the Head Start Parent Appreciation Dinner. Back row from left, Janice Richardson, Ardmore Center Supervisor; Malaika Horton, Parent Committee President; Shirley Brown, classroom foster grandparent; Mysti Clark, classroom one Top Volunteer; and Gretchen Orsack, classroom two Top Volunteer. Front row from left, Jennifer Reneau, Parent Committee Reporter; Amber Rice, Policy Council Representative; and Kandise Wood, classroom three Top Volunteer.

Sulphur Center parents and volunteers attended the Head Start Parent Appreciation Dinner receiving pins and plaques. From left, Silvia Vandagriff, Parent Committee Vice-President; Stephanie Rogers, Parent Committee President; Kayla Rolen, Reading Is Fundamental Committee member; Jason Rogers, classroom two Top Volunteer; Pam Laboda, Top Center Volunteer; and Rhonda Priddy, Sulphur Center Supervisor.

Volunteers and parents from the Tishomingo Center received recognition at the Head Start Parent Appreciation Dinner. Back row from left, Craig Ables, Alternate Policy Council Representative; Pam Moore, Parent Committee President; Bubby Moore, Policy Council Representative; and Karen Keen received the Top Classroom award with most books read at home. Front row from left, Michelle Ables, Health Advisory Committee member; Amber Fleming, Parent Committee Reporter; Misty Stowe, Top Classroom Volunteer; Rachel Wood, Top Center Volunteer; and Delores Campbell, Tishomingo Center Supervisor.

Three parent and volunteer representatives from the Madill Center were present to receive pins and plaques at the Head Start Parent Appreciation Dinner. From left, Alice Brown, foster grandparent; Christie Mathis, Top Center Volunteer; Delores Campbell, Madill Center Supervisor; and Thelma Estes received the award for the Madill Center being the Top Center for Most Volunteer Readers and Most Books Read.

Metal Mayhem members recognized by Oklahoma State Senate

OKLAHOMA CITY - Oklahoma State Senator Susan Paddack recognized members of the Metal Mayhem robotics team during the second session of the 51st Oklahoma Legislature Tuesday, May 13 at the State Capitol. The team was recognized for its accomplishments, hard work and dedication.

The team, which includes a number of Chickasaw students, recently won the "rookie of the year" award during For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics competition in Atlanta.

Sen. Paddack and the State Senate congratulated Metal Mayhem for receiving Regional and National Rookie All Star Awards through FIRST Robotics. The team and sponsors were presented with certificates of congratulations.

"We are so proud of what the students and mentors of Metal Mayhem have accomplished this year," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "The knowledge and experience Metal Mayhem has gained from FIRST Robotics has made a great impression in the community and statewide."

Metal Mayhem is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation and Pontotoc Technology Center. The team consists of students and mentors from Ada area schools and businesses. Students and mentors completed a six-week robotics project that involved designing and building a robot, creating a website, participating in community service projects, creating team publicity and competing in FIRST Robotics regional and national competitions.

Metal Mayhem team members include Ada High School students Troy Norred, Matthew Beasley, Matthew Wright, Amber Huffman, Laura Medcalf, Candace Williams, Nikki Stepps, Darryl Mosier, Destiny Clark, Ryan Abbott, Anna Townsend and team leader Zac Dennis; Byng High School students Garrett Thompson, Becca Sallee and Nathan Enns; Latta High School and Pontotoc Tech Center students Jeremy Wingard and Phillip Vogt; Stratford High School student Ethan Priddy; Tishomingo High School student Jacob Pittman; and Vanoss High School students Jessica Nail, Destiny Hatton, Tosha Taylor and Whitney Mowles.

Members of the Metal Mayhem robotics team received recognition for their accomplishments with FIRST Robotics during ceremonies at the Oklahoma State Capitol May 13. Members pictured include, back row from left, Robbie Hatton, Jeremy Wingard, Garrett Thompson, Ty Moore, Ethan Priddy, Phillip Vogt, Nathan Enns and Brian Rumburg. Front row from left, Whitney Mowles, Destiny Hatton, Lynne Chatfield, Callie Roebuck, Amber Fox, Lori Hamilton, Louise Shields and tribal Division of Education administrator Lisa John.

Team mentors include Jim Lawson, Motorcycle Parts Company of Ada; Stan Townsend, Parson Engineering; Rhonda Medcalf, Ada High School; Lisa Thompson, Ada High School; Ty Moore, Pontotoc Technology Center; John Impson, Vanoss High School; Larry Cheatwood, Vanoss High School; Robbie Hatton, Hatton Enterprises; Chickasaw Nation mentors Marilyn Coltz, Louise Shields and Brian Rumburg; and Chickasaw Nation Division of Education team leaders Lisa John, Lori Hamilton, Amber Fox, Lynne Chatfield and Callie Roebuck.

Metal Mayhem was formed through the FIRST national organization. The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs. Through the FIRST Robotics program, students gain engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and develop self-confidence, communication and leadership skills.

For more information about Metal Mayhem, visit www.pontotoc.com/metalmayhem or contact the Chickasaw Nation Education Services director Lori Hamilton at (580) 421-7711.

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Chickasaw citizen accepted to Harvard Business School

Andrew Jennings

A Chickasaw citizen has recently been accepted to one of the country's top post-graduate business programs.

Beginning in the fall, Chickasaw citizen Andrew Jennings will begin study at Harvard Business School in Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Jennings will be on a two-year course of study to earn an HBS master's of business administration (MBA) degree.

After applying to several top ranked MBA programs, including the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and the University Of Chicago Graduate School Of Business, Mr. Jennings accepted an offer of admission to Harvard Business School.

"I chose Harvard Business School because it is a top-ranked program steeped in tradition and history," Mr. Jennings said. "Many of the titans of industry who inspired me to elevate my career ambitions attended Harvard Business School and are still very active as alumni."

"My MBA degree will make me capable of building and running a sophisticated and sustainable organization," Mr. Jennings said. "I need to build fundamental financial, strategic and managerial skills. While real world experience is the dominant teacher in all of these areas, I think the base I will gain from formal study will direct and accelerate my progression."

After completion of his MBA degree, Mr. Jennings plans to pursue a career in corporate finance or investment banking.

Mr. Jennings graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Following graduation, he began work for Halliburton Energy Services, a service company that develops global oil and gas assets.

After one year with Halliburton, he accepted a position with Baker Hughes, an oil and natural gas industry product and service producer based in Oklahoma City. He currently serves as a manager of District Operations for the Hughes Christensen Division.

Harvard Business School features the case method of instruction which, according to the school, engages an interactive learning process and "prepares students for the challenge of leadership in the real world."

HBS cultivates collaborative efforts among students and organizes students into "learning groups."

Established in 1908, Harvard Business School has produced leaders and ideas that have shaped the practice of management in vital organizations around the world.

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Fishing Fun Day!

Join the Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli (children speaking Chickasaw) language club for its monthly gathering Saturday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Ada Elks Lodge Lake. The theme is "Fishing Fun Day" and children will participate in exciting activities to learn Chickasaw words related to fishing.

The language club meets monthly and is open to all children through age nine who are interested in learning Chickasaw language and culture.

To become a member or for more information, contact Chenae Lippard at (580) 436-0877, chenae.lippard@chickasaw.net <mailto:chenae.lippard@chickasaw.net> or visit www.chickasaw.net/cca <http://www.chickasaw.net/cca> .

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April 2008 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Rachel Byars

Rachel Byars

Rachel, daughter of Alan and Joy Byars, of Beggs, Okla., is an April 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Band.

Rachel is a senior at Beggs High School and was nominated by band director Matt Caldwell.

"Rachel is a very dedicated and hardworking individual," said Mr. Caldwell. "She has been a huge asset to the Beggs Band program."

Rachel is an alternate in the Mid-Eastern Oklahoma Band Director's Association Honor Band and was selected for the Okmulgee County Honor Band. She is an Oklahoma Academic Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society, Oklahoma High School Honor Society, the Chickasaw Honor Club and the Native American Culture Club. Rachel is also a member of the Math Club and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Rachel's hobbies include reading, studying, scrap booking, learning languages and practicing musical instruments.

"I plan to attend Oklahoma Baptist University and major in elementary education with a minor in Spanish education," said Rachel. "I want to teach in order to share my desire for learning."

Megan Galles

Megan Galles

Megan, daughter of Patrick and Pam Galles, of Ardmore, Okla., is an April 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Megan is a senior at Plainview High School in Ardmore. She was nominated by Indian education secretary Bobbi Young.

"Megan is involved in many school and community projects and at the same time keeps her grades up and continues her education at the Ardmore Higher Education Center," said Ms. Young.

Megan is a member of the varsity basketball team, varsity cheerleading, the Beta Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Oklahoma Honor Society, National Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society and is listed in "Who's Who Among High School Students." She is also on the Superintendent's and Principal's Honor Rolls.

"Upon high school graduation, my future plans include attending the University of Oklahoma and later transferring to the University of Oklahoma Health and Science Center to pursue a career in dermatology," said Megan.

Lindsay Grisham

Lindsay Grisham

Lindsay, daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham, of Cabot, Ark., is an April 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Overall Outstanding Achievement Award.

Lindsay is a junior at Cabot High School and was nominated by English teacher Peggy Medlin.

"Lindsay is an outstanding student," said Ms. Medlin. "She is a hard worker and has great work ethic."

Lindsay is enrolled in advanced art, Spanish, biology and history classes. She is a member of the swim team and manager of the high school girls' basketball team. Lindsay is also a certified lifeguard and enjoys swimming, running and reading.

"I plan to attend the University of Arkansas after graduation," said Lindsay, "My major is undecided, but I am leaning toward art or Spanish."

Micah Gross

Micah Gross

Micah, daughter of Micheal and Samantha Gross, of Roff, Okla. is an April 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Micah is in the eighth grade at Roff Public Schools and was nominated by business and computer teacher Jana Stewart.

"Micah is a very hard worker in the classroom and is an avid reader," said Ms. Stewart. "She is very goal oriented."

Micah is salutatorian of her eighth grade class and a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and academic team. She enjoys riding horses, swimming, playing basketball and attending church youth group activities.

"My future goals are to graduate high school with honors, graduate from college and get a good job," said Micah.

Cord Humphrey

Cord Humphrey

Cord, son of Chris and Stacy Humphrey, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Math.

Cord is in the second grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by second grade teacher Candace McMahan.

"Cord is a good student with a great talent in math," said Ms. McMahan. "He faithfully completes all assignments and maintains a strong A and B average on his work."

Cord's favorite school subjects are math and science. He likes playing basketball and baseball. Cord's favorite things to do are ride his dirt bike, shoot his BB gun and draw pictures.

E'Chelle McGee

E'Chelle McGee

E'Chelle, daughter of Earnsby McGee and Shameka Halstied, of Ardmore, Okla., is an April 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Citizenship.

E'Chelle is in the fifth grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Ardmore and was nominated by teacher Dana White.

"E'Chelle is an outstanding leader in our class," said Ms. White. "She strives to excel in all subjects."

E'Chelle's hobbies are talking, coloring, dancing, singing doing homework and hanging out with friends. She enjoys playing basketball and softball.

"My ultimate goal is to become the first United States African American female President," said E'Chelle. "I want to become President so I can make a better change for the world."

Samantha Perry

Samantha Perry

Samantha, daughter of Jason and Hilary Perry, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Samantha is in the fourth grade at Homer Elementary School in Ada and was nominated by East Central University mathematics professor Dr. Anita Walker.

"In September 2007, Samantha joined the Greater Ada Swim and within eight months she progressed from learning and mastering four competitive strokes to becoming a qualifier in the Oklahoma Age Group Championships," said Dr. Walker. "Samantha uses her talents well and is a student of whom we can all be proud."

Samantha is a member of Gifted and Talented and the Greater Ada Swim Club. She plays softball and likes reading and drawing.

"When I grow up, I want to go to the Olympics for swimming," said Samantha.

Dalaney Ryans

Dalaney Ryans

Dalaney, daughter of Anthony and Stormy Duffle, of Alex, Okla., is an April 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Citizenship.

Dalaney is in the second grade at Alex Elementary School and was nominated by teacher Ileta Duffle.

"Dalaney has expressed excellent gestures of citizenship and moral values," said Ms. Duffle. "Dalaney enjoys participating in karate, 4-H and piano lessons. She is a three-year state winner and national finalist in Kiddie Tractor Pulls. Dalaney is also on the honor roll and enjoys helping other students with English.

"When I grow up, I want to be a teacher," said Dalaney.

Nikki Warren

Nikki Warren

Nikki, daughter of Teddy and Donna Warren, of Healdton, Okla., is an April 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Overall Achievement Award.

Nikki is a freshman at Fox High School and was nominated by Coach Dale Butler.

"Nikki is a hard worker and cares a lot about her grades," said Mr. Butler. "She is an honor student and a solid athlete."

Nikki is a member of FCCLA and is the reporter of her freshman class. She participates in cheerleading, basketball and softball. Nikki's hobbies include spending time with family and friends, riding four-wheelers and playing sports.

"My future plans are to attend Southern Oklahoma Technology Center and study medical office," said Nikki.

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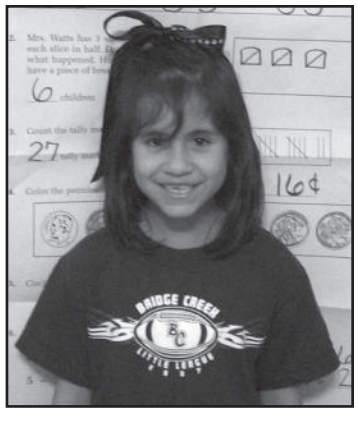
Tops in attendance at Bridge Creek



Karissa Wynne

Karissa Wynne, a Chickasaw first-grader at Bridge Creek (OK) Elementary School, has achieved perfect attendance for the entire school year.

Karissa is the daughter of Jimmy and Jennifer Wynne, and the aunt of Natalie Wynne. She has a sister and brother, Vivien and Jimmy.

She is the granddaughter of Billie and Jimmy Wynne, of Stratford, Okla., and Jesse and Olivia Cancino, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Karissa also achieved recognition in Accelerated Reader and loves to play soccer, and is learning the Chickasaw language.

Student Appreciation Night

Chickasaw students recognized, scholarships awarded

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education and Division of Youth and Family Services recognized numerous exceptional Chickasaw students at the 2008 Student Appreciation Night Monday, April 28 at the Murray County Expo Center in Sulphur.

The Division of Education recognized outstanding Chickasaw students for the Governor's, Lt. Governor's, Legislators' and Johnson O'Malley Scholarship awards as well as Millennium Scholarship awards. Senior members of the FIRST Robotics Metal Mayhem team were also awarded Chickasaw Nation Innovation Scholarships.

The Division of Youth and Family Services awarded Chickasaw students with male and female student of the year awards in academics, athletics, music and art. Youth HELPS Scholarships were also presented to students within the Pontotoc, Pickens and Tishomingo legislative districts.

Scholarship and award recipients are listed below.

Millennium Scholarship recipients (2.5 GPA or higher) - $1,000:

Kati Bailey, Roff High School

Maria Barrett, Sulphur High School

Abraham Blackburn, Wapanucka High School

Broderick Bumpass, Wynnewood High School

Cameron Burton, Choctaw High School

Rachel Byars, Beggs High School

Joshua Carney, McAlester High School

Tyler Clark, Union Christian Academy

Caroline Colbert, Ardmore High School

Ethan Davis, Durant High School

Jarika DeVaughan, Binger-Oney High School

Christian Dewbre, Dibble High School

Bobbi Easley, Ada High School

Danielle Elias, Edmond North High School

Molly Erwin, Durant High School

Loren Felts, Plainview High School

McKenzie Foster, Velma-Alma High School

Jeannette Fox, Carlsbad High School

Lamont Frazier, Del City High School

Kate French, Ardmore High School

Laura Galbraith, Covenant Life School

Megan Galles, Plainview High School

Elizabeth Gentry, Lindsay High School

Christina Gilliland, Edgewood High School

Kaden Hamilton, Stone Memorial High School

Marissa Hamilton, Westmoore High School

Wesley Hill, Rush Springs High School

Dustin Hodges, Henryetta High School

James Holland II, Metro Christian Academy

Jordan Kiddie, Sulphur High School

Bryeson Lance, Sulphur High School

Tallie LeDoux, Bethesda Christian School

Devin Lemons, Kingston High School

Cameron Mann, Tupelo High School

Haleigh McKinze, Plainview High School

Joel McReynolds, Dickson High School

Kelsey Nail, Westmoore High School

Reva Nail, Kingston High School

Kenneth Pickens, Millikan High School

Krystal Pierce, Westmoore High School

Sarah Ragland, Pauls Valley High School

Geoffrey Shaw, Edmond North High School

Rachael Taylor, Bells High School

Tyler Tomson, Allen High School

Alyson Tuley, Vanoss High School

Alicia Waddle, Sachse High School

Jeffery Wells, Stratford High School

Caley Wesberry, Tishomingo High School

Travis Wilmer, Stony Point High School

Katelyn Wright, Moore High

Mike McKee

The Governor's Scholarship is $500 scholarship awarded to high school seniors who have a 3.95 or higher grade point average, or who have been selected as class valedictorian or salutatorian. The 2008 Governor's Scholarship recipients are, back row from left, Rachael Taylor, Chealsie Wines, Eric Murphy, Wesley Hill, Cameron Burton, Ethan Davis, Joel McReynolds and Katelyn Wright. Front row from left, Caroline Colbert, Danielle Elias, Rachel Byars, Jarika DeVaughan and Reva Nail.

Mike McKee

The Millennium Scholarship is a $1,000 scholarship presented to high school seniors with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher. The 2008 Millennium Scholarship recipients are, front row from left, Kelsey Nail, Reva Nail, Alicia Waddle, Rachel Byars and Jarika DeVaughan. Second row from left, Maria Barrett, Rachael Taylor, Jordan Kiddie, Katelyn Wright, Caroline Colbert, Krystal Pierce, Kati Bailey and Danielle Elias. Third row from left, Caley Wesberry, Cameron Burton, Kate French, Marissa Hamilton, Haleigh McKinzie and Joel McReynolds. Back row from left, Ethan Davis, Jeffrey Wells, Abraham Blackburn, Christian Dewbre, Wesley Hill, Broderick Bumpass and Cameron Mann.

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Mike McKee

The Lt. Governor's Scholarship is a $400 scholarship awarded to high school seniors who have a 3.90 or higher grade point average, or who have been selected as class valedictorian or salutatorian. Lt. Governor's Scholarship recipients for 2008 are, from left, Jeffrey Wells, Jane Cooper, Krystal Pierce and Marissa Hamilton.

School

Governor's Scholarship recipients (3.95 GPA of higher) - $500:

Justin Bryant, San Jacinto Christian School

Cameron Burton, Choctaw High School

Rachel Byars, Beggs High School

Shelby Carpenter, Burkburnett High School

Zachary Chaffin, Gifted Youth Online High School

Tyler Clark, Union Christian Academy

Caroline Colbert, Ardmore High School

Mike McKee

The Youth HELPS scholarship acknowledges and assists students continuing their education by attending a college, university or vocational/technical institution. Youth HELPS Scholarship recipients for 2008 are, front row from left, Caroline Colbert, Reva Nail, Krystal Pierce and Audrey Griffin. Back row from left, Riley Love, Caley Wesberry and Abraham Blackburn.

Mike McKee

The Legislators' Scholarship is a $350 scholarship awarded to high school seniors who have a 3.85 or higher grade point average, or who have been selected as class valedictorian or salutatorian. Legislators' Scholarship recipients for 2008 are, front row from left, Trashon Pelton, Kelsey Jones and Jordan Kiddie. Back row from left, Carion Pelton and Tiffany Davis.

Ethan Davis, Durant High School

Jarika DeVaughan, Binger-Oney High School

Danielle Elias, Edmond North High School

Molly Erwin, Durant High School

Mishael Farrand, Edmond North High School

McKenzie Foster, Velma-Alma High School

Jeannette Fox, Carlsbad High School

Lamont Frazier, Del City High School

Laura Galbraith, Covenant Life School

Megan Galles, Plainview High School

Christina Gilliland, Edgewood High School

Grady Harrison, Durant High School

Wesley Hill, Rush Springs High School

Kris Kincheloe, Durant High School

Ahrens Kerwood, Vidor High School

Devin Lemons, Kingston High School

Joel McReynolds, Dickson High School

Samantha Rice, Mustang High School

Eric Murphy, Stillwater High School

Reva Nail, Kingston High School

Rachael Taylor, Bells High School

Kayla Watson, Valliant High School

Travis Wilmer, Stony Point High School

Chealise Wines, Victory Life Academy

Katelyn Wright, Moore High School

Lt. Governor's Scholarship recipients (3.90 GPA or higher) - $400:

Debra Cage, Stringtown High School

Kensey Clark, Roland High School

Jane Cooper, Ada High School

Elizabeth Gentry, Lindsay High School

Kaden Hamilton, Stone Memorial High School

Marissa Hamilton, Westmoore High School

Dustin Hodges, Henryetta High School

James Holland II, Metro Christian Academy

Jennifer Kellner, Xavier College Preparatory

Krystal Pierce, Westmoore High School

Robin Ray, McAlester High School

Jeffrey Wells, Stratford High School

Legislators' Scholarship recipients (3.85 GPA or higher) - $350:

Tiffany Davis, Lawton MacArthur High School

Kelsey Jones, Thackerville High School

Jordan Kiddie, Sulphur High School

Bryeson Lance, Sulphur High School

Amy Logan, Harvest Oaks Academy

Carion Pelton, Ardmore High School

Trashon Pelton, Ardmore High School

Geoffrey Shaw, Edmond North High School

Johnson O'Malley Scholarship recipients - $300:

Jeffery Wells, Stratford High School

McKenzie Foster, Velma-Alma High School

Youth & Family Services award recipients:

Tenth grade awards:

Male Student of the Year – Jacob Hollenbeck, Dickson High School

Female Student of the Year – Sara Miller, Latta High School

Male Athlete of the Year – Josh Scribner, Stonewall High School

Female Student of the Year – Catie Newport, Ada High School

Eleventh grade wards:

Male Student of the Year – Taylor Martin, Purcell High School

Female Student of the Year – Hailey Craighead, Ardmore High School

Male Athlete of the Year –

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Mike McKee

Senior members of Metal Mayhem received a $250 Innovation Scholarship for their involvement in FIRST Robotics. Innovation Scholarship recipients are, front row from left, Destiny Clark, Zac Dennis and Laura Medcalf. Back row from left, Darryl Mosier and Troy Norred.

Mike McKee

The Division of Youth and Family Services selected male and female students of the year in academics, athletics, music and art. Front row from left, Taylor Howard, Caroline Colbert, Catie Newport, Sara Miller and Caley Wesberry. Middle row from left, Hailey Craighead, Courtney Parachcorn, Tesia Worcester, Carion Pelton, Brandon Blankenship and Uriah Dylan Looney. Back row from left, Taylor Martin, Chance Brown, Josh Scribner, Jacob Hollenbeck and Leslie Wesberry.

Leslie Wesberry, Tishomingo High School

Female Athlete of the Year – Taylor Howard, Ada High School

Male Musician of the Year – Taylor Martin, Purcell High School

Artist of the Year – Chance Brown, Dickson High School

Twelfth grade awards:

Male Student of the Year – Bryeson Lance, Sulphur High School

Female Student of the Year – Caroline Colbert, Ardmore High School

Male Athlete of the Year – Carion Pelton, Ardmore High School

Female Athlete of the Year – Caley Wesberry, Tishomingo High School

Female Athlete of the Year – Tesia Worcester, Stonewall High School

Male Musician of the Year – Brandon Blankenship, Byng High School

Male Artist of the Year – Urian Dylan Looney, Sulphur High School

Female Artist of the Year – Courtney Parachcorn, Byng High School

Youth HELPS Scholarship recipients - $500:

Pontotoc District:

Zachary Chaffin, Gifted Youth Online High School

Krystal Pierce, Westmoore High School

Audrey Griffin, Ada High School

Pickens District:

Riley Love, Madill High School

Caroline Colbert, Ardmore High School

Reva Nail, Kingston High School

Tishomingo District:

Abraham Blackburn, Wapanucka High School

Caley Wesberry, Tishomingo High School

Day of a Champion education stipend recipients:

Deangelo Dunnen

Devon Wiegmann

Derek Blakemore

For more information about scholarships within the division of education or the division of youth and family, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Tribal Aviation and Space Academy set for June 23-27

Chickasaw student Julie Underwood works on a project during the 2007 Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy.

More than 40 Chickasaw students in grades five through 12 will attend the 2008 Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) June 23-27 at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center in Ada. Through CNASA, students will participate in an action-packed week of learning about space, science, math, aviation, technology and careers.

Several hands-on activities and demonstrations are planned for the week-long academy. Activities include listening to expert speakers from Washington, D.C. and educational trips to Denton, Texas, and the Omniplex and Planetarium in Oklahoma City.

Members of the Metal Mayhem robotics team will also be present to talk to students about For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics and Lego League.

"During the academy, "Creed," "Top Gun" and "Super Top Gun" awards are presented to encourage students to strive to do their best and learn as much as possible. The CNASA program was established in 2003 and takes place each June. It is open to Chickasaw students, grades five through 12.

For more information about CNASA, call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaws receive ECU bachelor's, master's degrees

Chickasaw students obtaining a 3.0 grade point average or higher received honor stoles at East Central University's Spring 2008 Honors Ceremony. Frm left are Michelle McGee, Tracey Vasquez, Brandy Postoak, Tatum Burris, Staci Johnston, Marissa Moore and Chickasaw Nation Recruitment and Retention Coordinator Renee Hogue.

ADA, Okla. - Twenty-nine Chickasaw students graduated from East Central University during May 10 commencement ceremonies at the Kerr Activity Center on ECU's campus.

The 29 Chickasaw graduates were recognized for completing bachelor's and master's degrees.

Graduates included Charles Cohee, bachelor of arts in criminal justice; Tara Fall, bachelor of science in nursing; Judy Fowler, bachelor of science in social work; Christopher Harris, bachelor of science in education; Myndy James, bachelor of science in accounting; Camedra Jones, bachelor of arts in human service counseling; Brooke Prentice, bachelor of science in biology; Zachary Presley, bachelor of arts in art; Crystal Underwood, bachelor of science in kinesiology; and Silas Welch, bachelor of science in biology.

Nineteen Chickasaw students graduated with honors. The ECU Alpha Chi National College Honor Society hosted an honors ceremony at 8 a.m. in the ECU Ballroom. Chickasaw honor students received stoles during the honors ceremony for their educational accomplishments. Students obtaining at least a 3.0 grade point average received honor stoles and students obtaining a 3.5 grade point average or higher received a feathered honor stole.

Honor graduates included Tatum Burris, bachelor of science in education; Jacqueline Clark, master of science in human resources; Dakota Cole, bachelor of science in business administration; Elizabeth Eason, bachelor of science in social work; Natasha Gray, master of education in sports administration; Clovis Hamilton, bachelor of science in kinesiology; Carrie Hurt, master of education – secondary principal; Tamara Jennings, bachelor of science in nursing; Staci Johnston, bachelor of arts in human service counseling; Tawahnah Love, master of science in human resources; Michelle McGee, bachelor of science in kinesiology; Marissa Moore, bachelor of arts in Native American studies; Lisa Ott, bachelor of arts in human service counseling; Brandy Postoak, master of education in elementary education; Greg Roller, bachelor of arts in political science; Chasity Smith, master of science in human resources; Terry Swopes, master of education in school counseling; Tracey Vasquez, master of science in human resources; and Daniel Wyatt, bachelor of arts in human service counseling.

For more information about educational services and programs with the Chickasaw Nation, call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaweducationservices.com.

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Pontotoc Technology Center students receive awards

Chickasaw students Eren Hatton, left, and Sarah Worcester receive awards during the Pontotoc Technology Center awards assembly.

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw students attending Pontotoc Technology Center (PTC) through the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Vo-Tech (TVT) program were recently recognized for excellence. Students received citizenship, service, student of the month and PTC Ambassador awards.

Lindsey Power and Stacy Williams received citizenship awards. The purpose of the citizenship award is to recognize students who participate in school or community service, have a positive attitude, display appreciation of civic responsibilities, possess strength of character and promote citizenship within the school.

Eren Hatton and Sarah Worcester received service awards. The service award is presented to students who make the presentation videos each month for the perfect attendance assembly.

Jason Tiger and Sarah Worcester received student of the month awards. Students must have at least a B average and good attendance to receive the student of the month award. Students who apply for this award must be recommended by their instructor and go through an interview process.

Briana Smith, Jessica Stockton and Sarah Worcester were selected as PTC Ambassadors. Students are selected by their program instructor and must exhibit leadership, community service, have at least a B average, good attendance and a positive attitude to be an ambassador. These students act as liaisons between the student body and PTC. They serve on focus groups, provide input in strategic planning, act as tour guides and are in involved in various school activities.

Lindsey Power, Myra Pittman, Eren Hatton, and Sarah Worcester were honored for being members of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). Members of NTHS are students who merit distinction because of achievements within their program. Eren, Lindsey and Sarah also received perfect attendance awards.

Through the TVT program, the tribe provides funding for Chickasaw students to attend technical institutions. The program's primary objective is to assist Chickasaw students as they attend technical institutions in order to gain meaningful employment or career advancement. Funding provides assistance with tuition, fees, supplies, books, equipment, and other training-related expenses.

This program is available to part-time and full-time Chickasaw students attending or interested in attending a state or nationally accredited vocational facility. For program eligibility, applicants must be Chickasaw and demonstrate a training need.

For more information on the TVT program, contact the career tech and training development manager at (580) 421-7711, jennifer.parks@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Letter to the Editor

Thanks from 'West Coast Chickasaws' for great Bakersfield gathering

I would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for coming to California again. Upon entering Cal-State Bakersfield Campus we were warmly greeted outside of the Icardo center, you knew you were going to be at home when you are treated so graciously before you enter the building. The entire day was the same, it was almost like the prodigal son had come home, smiling, friendly, helping faces everywhere you moved.

For me and my family, it was even more. My brother, David Anderson, greeted us all with his huge hugs and kisses. Reuniting with Winne James (Anaheim) and her daughter Pam James (Victorville) brought tears of happiness and a warm wave of love over the family group; a relationship that has not wavered after 32 years of non-contact. The next hour or more we were glued to the same spot on the floor, reminiscing, catching up, enjoying each other. True friends do not waver over time. This was enough for me, the day was complete, but there was much more to enjoy.

We were introduced to so many people (thanks to brother David), I can't recall all the names, but it was always a smile and an offer to help and a welcome. First we met Jefferson Keel, dressed nicely, who gave a warm handshake and smile. Later we met Bill Anoatubby and had pictures taken with him. The Governor thanked us for coming, but we are the ones who are thankful and grateful for him coming to see us, we are the ones who benefit, we are the ones welcomed back to the nation, we are the ones that appreciate the time you took out of your lives to be with us.

How can you possibly describe the day? Entering and seeing the dancers, and remembering stomp dances, in Oklahoma, yes, my brother and I did those dances, listened to the drums, barefooted in the dusty dirt, we reveled as Indians. We went to Seminole Stomp Dances, no Chickasaw were close enough for us; we walked to the grounds. Later in the day I met a Chickasaw woman (Joan Ellis, I think) who also attended the same dances at Spaulding. It is amazing how paths cross when you are Chickasaw. I may not have her name right, but I remember her beautiful face. We danced in the same dirt.

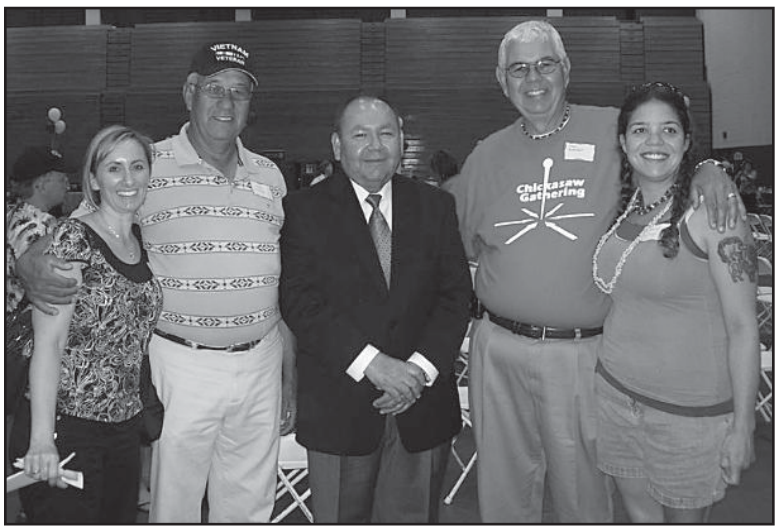
I listened to the singing of religious hymns, not knowing the song but recognizing the sound. David, my two younger sisters (Tewanna and Portia) and I were taught church songs by our mother. We used to sing for people in Choctaw when we lived in Ada, I still can sing the words, but I don't know the meaning. The singing reminded me of the lost but not forgotten past. The last time I remember singing in Choctaw was at an Indian Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles 35 years ago.

I had a interesting discussion with Stanley Smith and Joshua Hinson. I expressed my views on expanding the access to Chickasaw on the Internet. They are working on making the language studies more user friendly and understandable. I am looking forward to their work. Another surprise: Stanley is story, Gerty Oklahoma. We attended the same Gerty School at different times. When he knew the Colberts and Banktom Wade, Chickasaws, of Gerty, I knew we walked the same trail. Granny Colbert was my baby sitter at Gerty , when I was very young, she only spoke Chickasaw and was not pleased that I wasn't learning enough Chickasaw language. She knew English but refused to use it. I remember the funeral of Jimmy Colbert, 1945, he died in the service of WWII. The funeral was large and the gun salute was loud. I picked up the expelled casings. See where the gathering can take your mind, and it is a good thing.

I have always been Chickasaw/Choctaw and been proud of it. I am proud of the Chickasaw delegation coming to Bakersfield. Thanks to all those who came so far to pamper and embrace us.

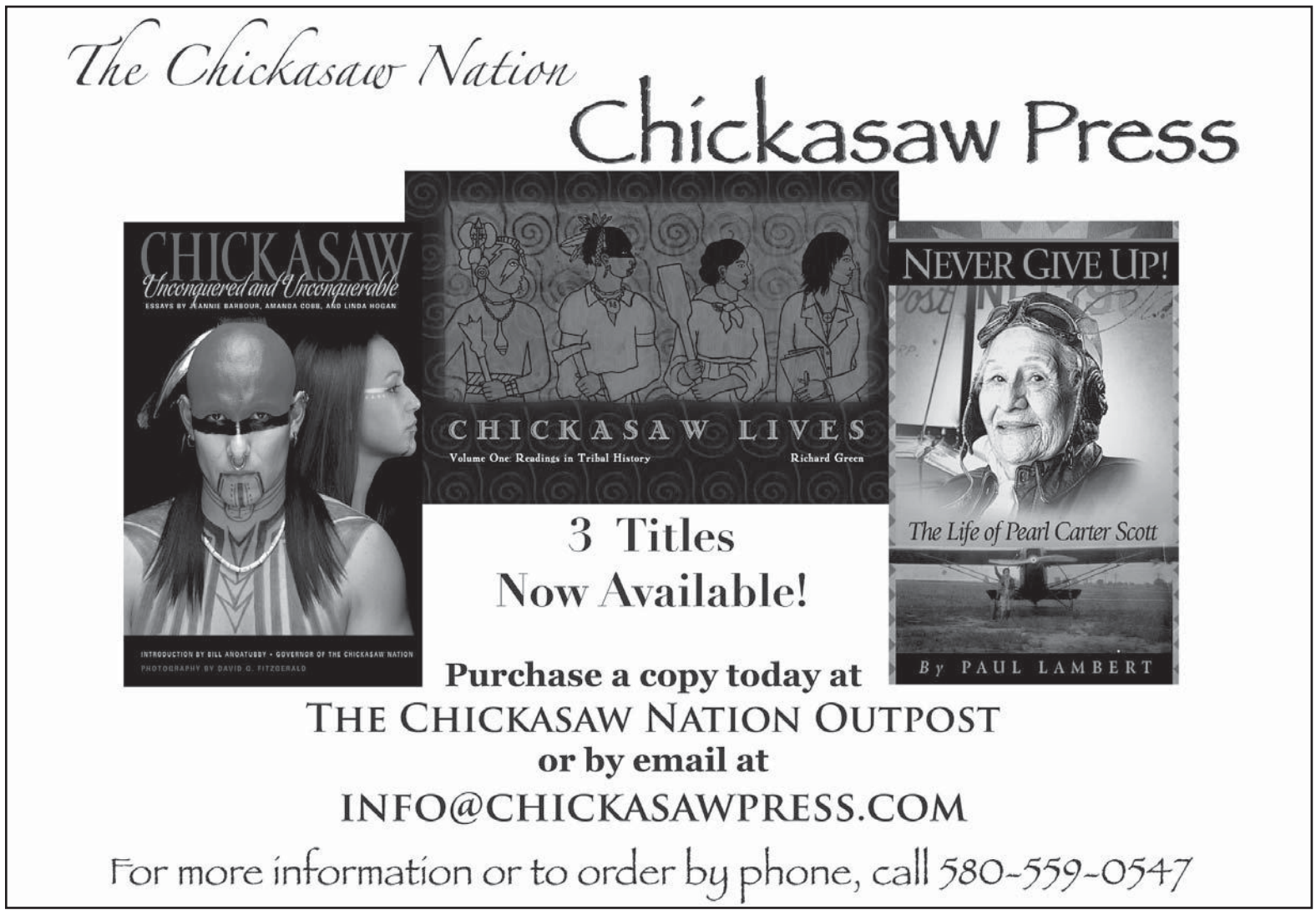
Thanks from West Coast Chickasaws!

Fran Anderson, Jim Anderson, Winnie James, Pam James, Melanie Flagor, Neil Flagor, Jennifer Ainsworth.



Jennifer Ainsworth, Jim Anderson, Governor Anoatubby, David Anderson and Melanie Flagor at Bakersfield.

Pam James, Winnie James, and Jim and Fran Anderson.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Elders pull on boots, celebrate Fourth Annual Elders Rodeo

SULPHUR, Okla. - Beautiful weather and scenery welcomed Chickasaw Nation elders to celebrate the 4th Annual Elders Rodeo, conducted at the Murray County Antique Tractor Implement Association grounds, located west of Sulphur.

"This is a good opportunity to provide a day of entertainment for our elders." said Linda Landgraf, activities coordinator, tribal Division of Aging. "It lets them know how much we care about them."

The Division planned a day packed with Western-style activities including barrel racing with stick horses and a hog calling contest.

"I entered the hog calling competition," said Yvonne Harper of Madill, "even though I haven't called a hog since I was ten years old!"

Harper says she enjoys the mingling aspect of get-togethers like the Senior Rodeo.

"I like visiting with everybody from the other sites and watching them be silly."

"Dusty Roades and the Wrangler"s provided classic Country and Western music as seniors waltzed and line danced.

Awards for senior volunteers were also presented at the event. Citizens earn volunteer hours doing everything from weeding gardens to cooking at their respective sites.

Elders recognized for volunteer service include:

Achille

300 to 499 hours – L.D. Love

100-299 hours—Barbara Beshirs, Mary Cox, Rosa Gilmore, and Doris Sutterfield

50-99 hours—O.C. Beshirs, Flora Mead and Hearl Mead

1-49 hours—Kay Anders, Joe Beshirs, Virginia Branch, Virginia Wyche, Deloyd Hicks, Angela Horton, Yankee Jack, Wanda Lewis, Truman Marris, and Dolly Nichols.

Ada

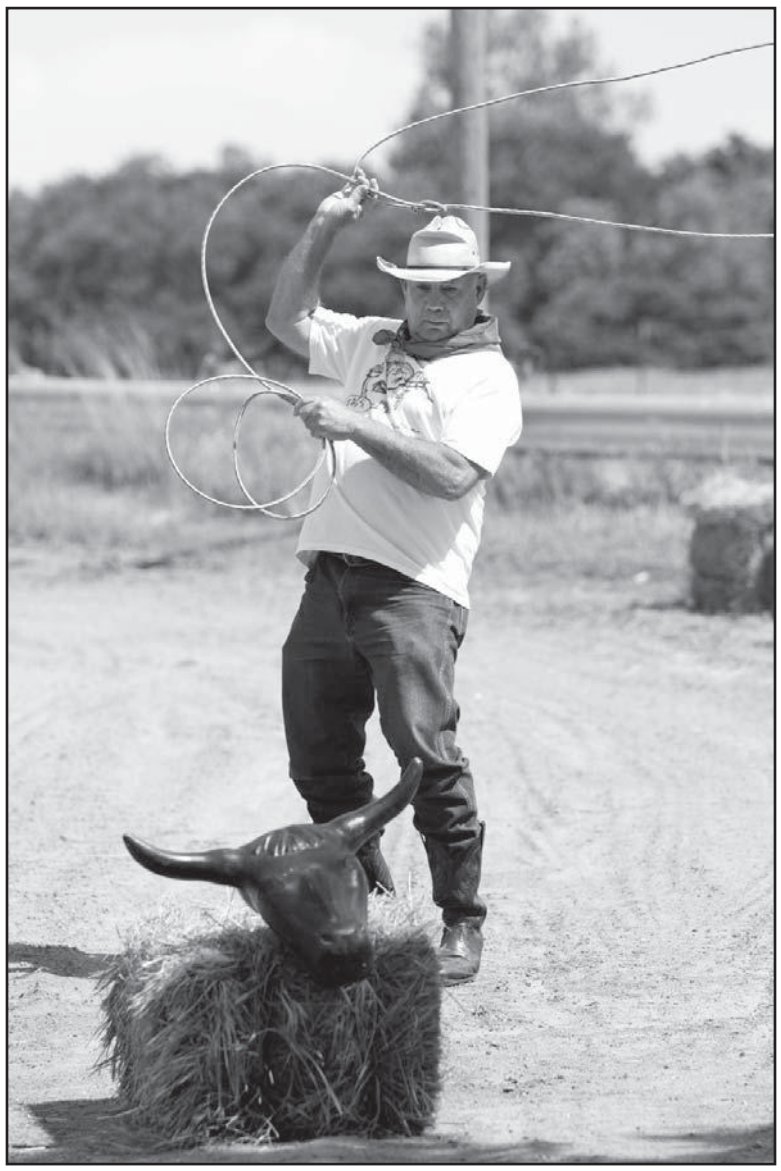
300-499 hours—Virginia Bowers, Henry Patrick and Merle Stick

100-299 hours – Pat Cox, Mildred Green, Robert Horton, Alma Lilliard, and Buck Owens, honored posthumously.

50-99 hours—Ruthie Ellis, Claude Miller, Larry Montgomery, Sammie Montgomery, Ginger Paulk, Alice Phillips, Beulah Shavney and Carol Stout.

1-49 hours—Mary Ahtone, Bertha Allen, Irene Allen, Clark Cogburn, Artie Cooper, Jimmy Cox, Carole Davis, Elnora Fullerton, Nell Goforth, Mary Jo Green, June Greenwood, Bernita Horton, Ruby Cooper McKinney, Margaret Melville, Joann Miller, Bernice Patrick, Charley Russell, Laveta Stephens, Ann Thompson.

Marci Jones, Madill, races around a barrel with her "horse."



Jerry Watkins attempting to beat out the competition in the roping contest.

Ardmore

50-99 hours—Elsie Taylor

1-49 hours—Russel Anoatubby, Jim Farve, Betty Griffith, Bob Jack, T.J John, Letha Marris, Roy Perry, Shirley Perry, Virginia Roberts, Joe Roberts, Sue Simmons, Pat Tribbey, Charlsie Wall, Mary Wallace, Wilma Watson, Mona Williams and Loretta Willis.

Connerville

300-499 hours—Lou Norman

100-299 hours—Billie Easterling, Doris Davis, Jane Ferris, Judy Fisher, Welborn Gross, Catherine Pendergraf, David Poe, J.C. Poe, Sharon Poe, Jim Reed, Lillian Underwood, Bill Whelchel, and Imogene Whelchel.

50-99 hours—Marcella Cravatt, Dawatha Easterling, Faye McCurtain, Juanita Moody, Norma Prince, and Catherine Wood.

1-49 hours—Vinola Brown, Ellen Chapman, Leslie Clark, Bonnie Cuberson, Bill Davis, Emma McLeod, Bernie Seeley, Leslie Seeley, Carlton Underwood and Lillie Wisdom.

Duncan

1-49 hours—Dale Amerman, Harriet Amerman, Katherine Barrick, Billie Beams, Lee Bishop, Ramona Bishop, Betty Bradley, Lloyd Bradley, Berdine Carter, Othella Carter, Tom Carter, Quanah Cox, JoAnn Darter, Ralph Darter, Pauline Dove, Jean Ann Dryden, Jim Dryden, Betty Edwards, Leon Edwards, Jeannie Goodman, Helen Hart, Gerald Hart, Patsy Howard, Alice Kimberlin, Jerry Kimberlin, Patsy King, Wayne King, Judy Lawrence, Lindol Lawrence, Erma Parks, Jerrie Payne, Richard Payne, Jane Reading, Jon Reading, Bob Schwenn, Dee Schwenn, Marjorie Sealey, Bentley Singleton, Glenda Singleton, Kathleen Stoner, Melvin Stoner, Dorothy Whitfield, Linda Wilmoth and Deanna Woods.

Kullihoma

100-299 hours—Dean Starns

50-99 hours—Flora Perry and Bessie Smith

1-49 hours—Levi Edwards, Marie Frazier, Velma Frazier, Sheila Rail, and Helen Sanders

Madill

100-299 hours—Jessie Sandefur

50-99 hours—Ana Mae Burns, Yvonne Harper, and Pauline Maxwell

1-49 hours—Bill Bailey, Patsy Bailey, Winnie Bennett, Eula Gipson, Al Maxwell, Ruth McAdoo, Jack McDonald, Sue Richards, Marie Saxon and Charles Sisson

Pauls Valley

299-100 hours—Madgeline Montgomery, Lou Carlton, Donnell Summers

99-50 hours—Betty Crabtree, Melvin Crabtree, Ron McCurly, Gilbert Morris

1-49 hours—Carolyn Claxton, Sharon Couch, Novaline Fox, Sue Gardner, Cecil Henderson, Doris Henderson, Anetta Hensley, Barbara Holt, Elwanda Loyd, Mary McCurly, Myrna Morris, Jackie Mulford, Bob Nichols, Mary Lou Nichols, Harold Ragland, Thelma Ragland, Carol Reed, Pauline Rodke, Janet Smith, Geraldine Sweetman, and Steve Wade

Purcell

499-300 hours—Lee Crossley

299-100 hours—Ruby Adkins, Lenora Hobbs

1-49 hours—Ruby Cardinal, Ken Evans, Mary Evans, Wanda Farrow, Jerry Fox, Hank Ivester, Phyllis Pritchett, Mark Wallace, Ruthelen Ivester, Betty Rowland, Bobbie Fox, Jerry Watkins, Rondell Elliot, Bonnie Watkins, Ethel Brooksher, Betty Robinson and Corky Somers.

Sulphur

499-300 hours—Jerry Ridley and Edina Williams

299-100 hours—Betty Clark, Clarence Imotichey, LaJanta

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Reflection on history focus of Elders' Appreciation Day at Kullihoma

KULLIHOMA - More than 120 Chickasaw Nation elders were guests of honor on Elders' Appreciation Day May 9 at Kullihoma.

The Cultural Resources Department of the Division of History and Culture sponsored this event to honor the elders and as an opportunity to learn more about Chickasaw history.

"This is a time where the elders can get together and talk about the past," said Eddie Postoak, Cultural Resources director. "We feel that it is so important to preserve their experiences and stories."

Seniors began the day with the posting of colors by the Chickasaw Honor Guard and a Chickasaw invocation delivered by Pauline Walker.

Tribal ethnobotanist Steve Bond, who studies the relationship between plants and the culture and traditions of the Chickasaw people, shared samples of corn taken from various time periods and regions.

Liz Brewer, Chickasaw Health Information Center representative, informed the elders on the benefits of using the computerized health research system.

Tribal historian Richard Green shared documents written by Europeans during the Removal period. He also discussed how the Chickasaw people were viewed by the settlers at this time.

"All of the speakers were so interesting," said Betty Foster, a Duncan senior site elder. "This is my first year here and I've really learned a lot."

After a traditional lunch of fry bread, beans and pashofa, the Council of Elders conducted a forum to discuss past traditions and values.

"This year was really a success." said Postoak. "The elders really seemed to enjoy themselves."

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Tribal ethnobotanist Steve Bond passes around a sample of historic corn with elders during Elders' Appreciation Day, May 9 at Kullihoma.

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Dusty Roades and the Wranglers provided elders with a trip down memory lane by playing Country and Western favorites.

Nelson, Joan Norton and Lillie Ward

50-99 hours—Ollie Lowrance, Katherine McGuire, Wilma Nelson, and Floyd Shipman

1-49 hours—Bonnie Binderim, Kenneth Binderim, Geneva Bivens, Beverly Calahan, Don Clark, Etna Cooke, Melva Dillard, Gladys Freeman, Jack Kirby, Jimmie Kirby, Flora Kirk, Linda Magaha, Lorene Newfield, Patsy O'Shields, Ruby Palmer, and Joe Palmer.

Tishomingo

299-100 hours—Sadie Hearrell, Barbara Hook, Georgine Hotema, and Virginia Mills

91-49 hours—Sam Alexander, Caroline Burklin, Hannah Corsello, Ann Fink, Waukera Hanlin, Suzie Keel, Rebecca Kingsbery, Mary Lou Nickle, Kim Otis, Hiawatha Reed, Lottie Routzong, Nettie Russell, Johnnie Sherwood, Annette Tolbert, Pam Tolbert, Cecil Underwood, Eileen Underwood and Jerry Underwood.

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Provider Appreciation Dinner

Child care manager Denisia Deramus, left, presents a grant check to Suzanne Clemons with the Hacienda Child Care facility in Ada.

On Tuesday, May 6 the tribal Division of Education child care department hosted the 2008 Provider Appreciation Dinner at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada to recognize child care providers within the Chickasaw Nation.

Representatives from many child care facilities were in attendance for the dinner. Individuals enjoyed entertainment from a hypnotist and received several door prizes.

At the dinner, the Chickasaw Nation child care department awarded representatives from each facility with a Child Care Provider Grant to use for facility improvements or educational needs.

The Provider Appreciation Dinner is organized each year to recognize Child Care facilities within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries that provide care for Native American children.

For additional information about the child care program, contact child care director Michelle Key at (580) 310-9490 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Great work experience and six tons of produce!

Youth, elders reap benefits of Community Gardens

The Chickasaw Nation Community Gardens is a mixture of both old traditions and cutting-edge technology. It's a program that not only guides youth, but helps elders maintain the long-standing tradition of tending a garden.

A cornucopia of fruits and vegetables, ranging from asparagus to zucchini, are grown on the Community Gardens' 250 acres south of Ada. Inside the greenhouse is a color explosion of beautiful plants and flowers.

During the summer months, more than two dozen Chickasaw youth can be found on the Community Gardens property, weeding, sowing, harvesting and working hard.

The fruits of their labor eventually wind up in the Chickasaw elders' hands, through several distribution sites.

Last year, the 25 summer workers produced a total of six tons of produce, which took many hours of weeding, sowing and watering, said Thalia Miller, Community Gardens Program Manager.

When the growing season begins, deliveries are made to the area senior sites once a week, where the seniors can trade their food vouchers for fresh vegetables and fruit.

Area offices also receive thousands of tomato, squash and pepper plants which can be purchased with food vouchers.

The general public can also purchase the goods at the Ada Farmers' Market during the summer months. The market is located in the 100 block of West 12th Street and is open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A vegetable stand, located next to the Ada Senior Site on Chamber Loop, is also open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the growing season.

The Community Gardens program began six years ago on three acre. It was originally an adult job training program. It has since blossomed to 250 acres and a popular summer youth worker program. One hundred sixty raised beds, two greenhouses, and 10 acres of traditional gardens can be found at the site.

"Our program is focused on both life and job skills," Miller said. "This is a first job for a lot of kids and by the end of the summer that are ready to work anywhere."

Besides toiling in the soil, workers take turns preparing lunch daily.

Each student worker is assigned a task, including preparing the food and table. Students learn to cook, set the table, wash dishes, and plan meals.

A new project is attempted each year, usually at the request of the young workers. This year, the new project is a venture into hydroponics, a process of growing plants in nutrient-rich matter other than soil. The experiment has been so successful, there are plans to have one green house dedicated to lettuce grown by hydroponics.

During the summer months, the young workers tolerate high temperatures, insects and other annoyances of any outside job.

"It's hard work, but its rewarding," Miller said. "The Chickasaw Nation offers a lot to the youth and elders. We are just glad to be a part of it."

"The Chickasaw Nation offers a lot to the youth and elders, we are just glad to be a part of it." - Thalia Miller, Community Gardens Program Manager

At the end of the summer, a competition is conducted among four teams of workers to see which team can grow the most fruits and vegetables. The winning team receives a financial incentive for its hard work.

Typically, 10 students work after the school year resumes. Last year the program was so popular, 16 students stayed on to work.

For more information about the Community Gardens, contact Miller at 580-559-0888.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Mike McKee

Chickasaw Nation Community Garden worker Leah Puller cares for marigolds in the greenhouse. Leah A Community Gardens after school youth worker. The program teaches young people life and job skills and assists tribal elders by providing a source for fresh, nutritious food and beautiful landscaping items.

What you may not know…

Besides the obvious fruits and vegetables, the Community Gardens supply decorations for a variety of events and activities.

Decorations for community dinners, and all the fall décor for the Chickasaw Festival, including corn stalks, pumpkins, gourds and squash, are supplied by the Community Gardens.

Hanging floral baskets of petunias, ornamental grasses, mammoth ferns and herbs are other items also grown on the site.

"We grow everything," Community Gardens manager Thalia Miller said.

School children flock to the garden for tours during the school year.

Other Native American tribes have also visited the site to get information on the successful program.

"This program could benefit every tribe," Miller said.

Central Texas Council meets

The Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas conducted a monthly meeting at the Mexican American Cultural Center in Austin, May 4, 2008.

Chairman Gene Thompson showed a draft of his family history movie he has been working on. He encouraged attendees to preserve their individual family histories and record them either on paper or film.

Refreshments were enjoyed before the meeting adjourned.

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Housing and Tribal Development facility dedicated

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, center left, and Wayne Scribner, center right, administrator of Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development, are joined by tribal legislators, staff and dignitaries to officially dedicate the new Housing and Tribal Development Division building. The building is located at 111 Rosedale in Ada.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development was highlighted during an open house for the new tribal housing facility Monday, May 19.

The 28,081 square-foot facility houses 54 employees and is located at 111 Rosedale, in Ada. Services such as rental assistance, homeowner education and counseling, storm shelters and loan programs are accessible in this new facility.

"Providing access to high quality housing is a high priority," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "The housing program has opened a lot of doors for Chickasaw people and other Native Americans. This facility provides more convenience for our clients and enables our housing personnel to be even more efficient and effective."

The new building features drive-through convenience for the hundreds of people who utilize the programs offered by the Housing Division.

Wayne Scribner, Chickasaw Nation Housing and Tribal Development administrator, said the Division filled a basic need. He said Gov. Anoatubby gave him some important advice when he became administrator of the division. "Gov. Anoatubby said 'we need to always remember the Chickasaw people are our first priority,'" Scribner said. "We keep that in mind in everything we do here."

Since the Housing Division was established, 2,600 homes had been constructed for Chickasaw citizens. To date, the Housing Division has provided 675 home loans to Chickasaw citizens, Scribner said, and more than 1,200 storm shelters have been installed for tribal citizens.

The Chuka Chukmasi (Beautiful Home) program is one avenue the tribe utilizes to provide for the housing needs of clients. Chuka Chukmasi enables Chickasaw citizens and employees to purchase or refinance homes through an affordable home loan. Closing costs and down payment assistance are also available through the program. The program is not restricted by income level or location of residence.

More than 790 Chickasaw families are currently being assisted in Chickasaw Nation rental programs. Counseling programs are also offered at the new location.

A 5, 080 square-foot maintenance garage is also a part of the Housing Building complex.

Oscar J. Boldt company served as contractor for the two buildings, which were designed by the architect firm of Boynton-Williams and Associates (BWA).

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Housing Division, call 580-421-8800.

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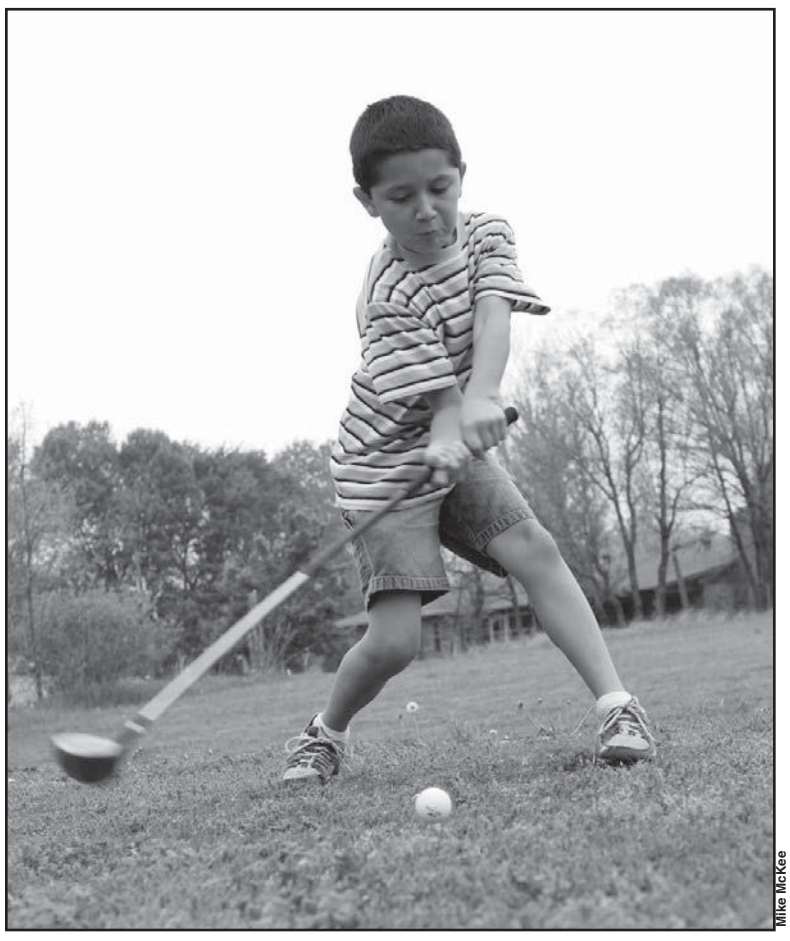
Keeping kids safe

Cheryl Willis, Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative and Child Passenger Safety Technician, discusses the different types of seatbelt latches with fellow CHRs during the 7th Annual Injury Prevention/Promotion Conference. The conference took place at Lake Murray State Park and Lodge in Ardmore, Okla. *Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.*

Swing away!



Mike McKee

Reece Hamilton, a Chickasaw Nation After School program participant, tries his hand at golf. The program is offered by the Division of Youth and Family Services and gives young students the opportunity to learn new sports and life skills, such as nutrition. Jeremy Ellis, a parent of three children involved in the program, said he appreciated the opportunities the program provided his children, including swimming, martial arts, lessons in nutrition and trips to Lazer Zone.

Language committee provides practical translations

Let's learn street signs in Chickasaw!

The Chickasaw Language Committee has developed translations for many common street signs. Below are some common street signs along with the signs as they would appear in Chickasaw.

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 2-4:
Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

June 6
Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

June 9:
Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.

June 10:
Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (***by 12 noon)***
Press release for candidates (news/media)

July 7:
Voter registration closes.

July 8:
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & CD's.

July 14:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

July 23:
Last day to appoint a watcher.

July 29:
2008 Primary Election (*last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.

July 29:
Voter registration re-opens, *if no run-off election*.

August 1:
Recount period ends.

October 1:
Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2008 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE *(IF NEEDED)*

August 4:
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's ***(after 12:00 Noon.)***

August 11:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

August 20:
Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

August 26:
2008 Run-Off Election (*last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens

August 29:
Recount period ends.

October 1:
Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

Chickasaw traffic signs (Chikashsha i̲hina anoli)

Tribally-owned community newspaper celebrates 30th anniversary

Staff members of the Newcastle Pacer at the 30th Anniversary ribbon cutting. From left, managing editor Victoria Middleton; designer Jeff Leyerle; advertising manager Kimberly Noe; associate publisher Robin Wilson; Chantz Wesnidge; reporter Darla Welchel; and designer Rinay James.

NEWCASTLE, Okla. - *The Newcastle Pacer*, a Chickasaw Nation-owned publication, recently celebrated its 30th Anniversary recently in Newcastle.

Staff members invited the community to celebrate with *the Pacer*'s "30th Anniversary Taste of Tri-City" event, complete with free food samples and demonstrations from local businesses.

Participating businesses included Brush Creek Steak House, which provided brisket, and Living Well Therapeutics, which sent therapist Virginia Johnson to demonstrate cranial sacral therapy, a form of alternative medicine using subtle adjustments of the spine and cranial area.

Highlighting the open house was a ribbon cutting to celebrate *the Pacer*'s newly expanded office building.

Community members gathered to show their appreciation for what the newspaper has accomplished for the community over the past 30 years.

In attendance was Terry Loken, speech, drama and English teacher at Newcastle High School, who recently directed the high school play.

"I can honestly say that *the Pacer* helped fill those seats," she said. "They really stepped up to advertise the play and let people know that it was being performed."

Jeff Leyerle was just a teenager when his parents, Marvin and Jocile, bought *the Pacer* in 1985. He still works on the nine-person staff as a graphic designer.

"It was still a fairly new paper when my parents took over," Lyerle said. "It's strange that it's been that long and it's really neat to celebrate 30 years here."

The Chickasaw Nation purchased *the Pacer* from the Leyerles in May of 2004.

According to the Anniversary edition of *the Pacer*, the purchase brought about "many great changes came in the way information was gathered, edited, and produced, providing the reader with an even better product." It was at this time that *the Pacer* was first printed in color.

The Pacer is a community weekly newspaper with paid circulation of 1,300. The newspaper also produces a 13,000 free-circulation mailed shopper publication, *The Early Bird Express*.

The Pacer was founded in 1978 and *the Early Bird Express* came into existence in 1986.

Newcastle and northern McClain County, Oklahoma are some of the fastest-growing areas in the Chickasaw Nation. *Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.*

Chickasaw Agency hosts firefighter leadership training

Front row from left, Leroy Harjo, Michael Wermy, Austin Ware and Billy Fagan. Second row from left, Billy Tanner, James Hughes III, Keith Gaines, William T. Schultz Jr., William Lail, Randy Scoggins, Rodney Rodriquez and William Tosee Jr. Third row from left, Michael Wooster, Larry Martinez, Alan Pratt, Randall Sam, Charlie Harley, Efrain White Buffalo, Mitchell Williams, Andrew Mithlo and Jake Laughlin. Back row from left, Sheldon Sankey, Jonas Manley, Jimmy Killsfirst, Erwin Pewo, Casey S. Kelley, Ronnie D. Alexander, James Harjo, Victor E. Ahtone, Jonathan Coon, Lonnie Asepermy, Tony Komahcheet, Edmund M. Ware II, Nathan Yackeyonny.

ADA, Okla. - Tribal fire crews from across Oklahoma met in Ada recently for a leadership training course led by members of the Chickasaw Agency of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The three-day training, from April 22-24 at Wintersmith Park, focused on developing leadership skills, according to Sheldon Sankey, Chickasaw Agency forestry technician.

Crews from the Comanche Agency and Wewoka Agency joined firefighters from the National Park Service and Chickasaw Agency.

A leadership training course was conducted the final day. Crews rotated through five challenge courses, such as a search-and-rescue drill and a chainsaw drill.

Firefighters were briefed on various situations just prior to conducting the drills.

"All crew members are learning how to be leaders and to work as a team," said Sankey. Each crew member was given the chance to serve as the team leader.

Sankey commended all the fire crews for their good efforts.

Firemen who participated included:

Chickasaw Agency: Victor Ahtone, Austin Ware, Rodney Rodriquez, Jonas J. Manley, Keith Gaines, James Hughes, III, Jeremy Laughlin, Efrain Whitebuffalo, William T. Schultz and Erwin Pewo.

Comanche Agency: Micheal Wermey, Nathan Yackeyonny, Andrew Mithlo, Lonnie Asepermy, Tony Komahcheet, Larry Martinez, Billy Fagan, and Edmund Ware, II

Wewoka Agency: Jonathan Coon, Ronnie Alexander, Mitchell Williams, Randall Sam, Charles Harley, Leroy Harjo, and James Harjo.

National Park Service: Casey Kelly and Randy Scoggins. Billy Tanner also participated.

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Piecing together the documents of early Chickasaw history

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

After several years of cycling through phases of research, writing and revising, I finally completed a draft last fall of a book-length manuscript titled, *A Narrative Social History of the Chickasaw People, Prehistory to 1763*. In November, I submitted the manuscript to Chickasaw Press.

Originally, I intended the volume to end in 1837, with the beginning of the Chickasaw removal era. But as the manuscript grew and grew I decided it would be better to have two volumes of reasonable size than one big tome whose bulk might scare off potential readers.

So in the last few months, I began assembling my research plan, notes and source material for the second volume, from 1763 to 1837. My first major section will cover from 1763 to 1783, the two decades during which the Chickasaws' long-time trading partner and ally was Great Britain.

The second section will span the early years of the tribe's—or more accurately, its factions'--relations with the competing Spanish and Americans. Also included will be the war with the Creeks under their charismatic leader Alexander McGillivray and the last years of full-blood leadership period, ending with the death of Chief Piomingo in 1799.

The final section will cover the rise of the Colbert brothers' leadership and deal with the tribe's response to the initial version of American manifest destiny. Central to this is America's Indian policy for deviously obtaining incremental land cessions that set the stage for the Indian Removal Act of 1830 and more specifically, Chickasaw Removal beginning in 1837.

I lay this plan out here publicly because I am hoping some of you will help keep me on track with periodic contact about my work and its status. I have a tendency to go off on tangents. In turn, I'll contact some Chickasaws who have helped with previous feedback, be it support or useful criticism.

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Having collected Chickasaw-related source material for many years, I have accumulated plastic tubs of documents and articles and a few books, all of which I will use in producing this next manuscript. It's a good start, but I couldn't hope to complete the manuscript with what I had on hand.

As I surveyed this material, I realized I was quite light on the first period, 1763-1783. These were years when Britain initially had little competition for the Indian trade among the Southeastern tribes. That might have continued for years except that the American colonies were becoming deeply dissatisfied with their lack of representation in the British Empire. Later, the colonies would rebel and ultimately expel the British lion from North America.

Fortunately, I knew from prior research at the Library of Congress that its Manuscript Division had microfilmed an enormous amount of documents related to Britain's American colonies. I had photocopied some Chickasaw-related documents in the past but the number available prior to 1750 was disappointingly small. A South Carolina archivist once mentioned that he understood periodic fires in the London repositories had consumed a large amount of the correspondence related to the Indian trade before 1750.

What about my new area of interest, between 1763 and 1783? Hints were discovered at the University of Oklahoma's main library in a slim 1946 volume by Grace Gardner Griffin. It listed British colonial documents relating to American history that were stored in the Manuscript Division. These were classified variously, some by the colony's name, others by Board of Trade or unfathomable names such as Plantations General. It was in this latter category that I found "Indian affairs, trade, etc., 1760-1784," volumes 65 to 82.

The span of years was almost perfect. I asked a LOC reference librarian for more specific information but was told, "We don't know much about those records. I can't tell you the last time someone asked for them. You'll just have to come up here and see for yourself."

Self-serve is the *modus operandi* at most archives and libraries I've done business with in recent years. Because of tight budgets and shortages of *experienced* and *knowledgeable* staff, about all reference people have time to do is confirm the presence of a collection and whether the collection has a published finding aid or index--and if you are lucky, something about the source's reliability. Archivists familiar with the contents of a collection are a huge but increasingly unexpected bonus to the researcher.

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The Library of Congresses' Manuscript Division is not in the magnificent, Baroque, copper-domed Thomas Jefferson Building across 1st Street from the Capitol and next to the Supreme Court Building. The manuscript collections are housed in a small portion of the immense (2 million square feet) modern monolith called the James Madison Memorial Building, which is located across Independence Street from the Jefferson Building and catty-cornered to the Library's third building, the aged, Soviet-looking John Adams Building.

Most of the original documents are only available to researchers on microfilm, and the quality of the images and the handwriting ranges from acceptable to migraine-inducing hopeless. One researcher who apparently had been looking at bad microfilm for a few minutes (it resembled a snowy white-out with traces of wind-blown debris) began loudly beseeching a curator to let him see the original documents. The curator politely turned down his request, saying he could make out most of the documents.

As an experienced microfilm reader and fatalist, I assumed I'd be seeing poor quality film. Instead, the objects of my research interest, volumes 65 to 82, were stored in legal-sized, heavy-cardboard boxes of a faded-red hue, one or two volumes per box.

Each volume contained up to hundreds of sheets of legal-size paper bundled together with ancient red ribbon. These were not photocopies of the original correspondence but transcripts of the originals done by people with beautiful, flawless penmanship.

I was very happy to see that I could read the pages almost as fast as if they had been typed. Suspicious of too much of a good thing, I asked a curator if all of the volumes were like this, and he said, yes, he thought so. He proved to be correct and reading this correspondence in this lovingly purified state saved untold hours of eyeball and brain strain associated with degraded originals on microfilm.

My appreciation for what I practically considered to be a lost art form separates me from the crusty, skeptical purists, who doubtless would reject the transcripts in favor of scrutinizing the microfilmed originals themselves. I trusted the transcriptionist's honesty and judgment because I figured anyone whose handwriting was so flawless throughout would not be otherwise cutting corners. (I realize this could be a rationalization.)

Most of the documents were correspondence among British officials, primarily John Stuart, the superintendent of Indian Affairs for the southern tribes. As I proceeded to skim through them in chronological order, starting with 1763, a disappointing pattern emerged. Most of the correspondence concerned not the Chickasaws but the other major southeastern tribes that Britain needed to have in its trading orbit and sphere of influence.

They were the Cherokees, Creeks and the Choctaw. Complicating matters for the British was that each of these tribes had political factions, so it wasn't simply a matter of sewing up a tribal leader who tribal members would follow. Furthermore, until 1763 when the French ceded most of its colony of Louisiana to the British, the majority of Choctaws had been allied with the French and enemies of the British and Chickasaws. Moreover, the Creeks and Choctaws were fighting a protracted war with each other.

In contrast, the Chickasaws were a much smaller tribe and much more distant from the trading centers in Carolina and Georgia. Moreover, as the documents suggest, British officials believed the tribe could always be counted on; in modern parlance, the Chickasaws were locked up.

Still, in thousands of pages of correspondence, the Chickasaws did turn up as subjects or co-subjects of several documents, and I photocopied those. Or my assistant (and wife) Gail Fites copied them during her three-hour shifts which she volunteered for on two successive days. We also copied some correspondence devoted entirely or primarily to other tribes or tribal leaders mainly for the non-military information that I thought could expand my view of the tribe's social organization or lifestyle.

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The remainder of this article contains excerpts from the documents during that first important year, 1763. After France relinquished its colonies in North America earlier that year, the British called for a Congress of the major southeastern tribes to be held in Augusta, Georgia, to discuss trade alliances. Of the 900 Indians in attendance about 40 to 50 were Chickasaw.

For the sake of clarity, my own explanatory notes are in standard type. The documents, with spelling and punctuation unchanged, are in italics.

Commenting on convening the Congress, a British official wrote: *...with regard to the Chactaws and Chickesaws they are already on their route. We all know that 2 or 300 miles to an Indian is nothing when he is in expectation of either Rewards or Revenge and they frequently come that distance uninvited and upon an uncertainty.*

The next excerpt links tribal leaders with James Colbert, the white trader who eventually had three Chickasaw wives. The male children they produced and raised would constitute a later generation of Chickasaw leaders. *With the Tuquabachies* [of the Creek confederation] *came the Leader of the Chickasaws, Paya Matta, one Considerable leading man of the Chactaw Nation called Red Shoes and about*

*See **Chickasaws in the Library of Congress,** page 54*

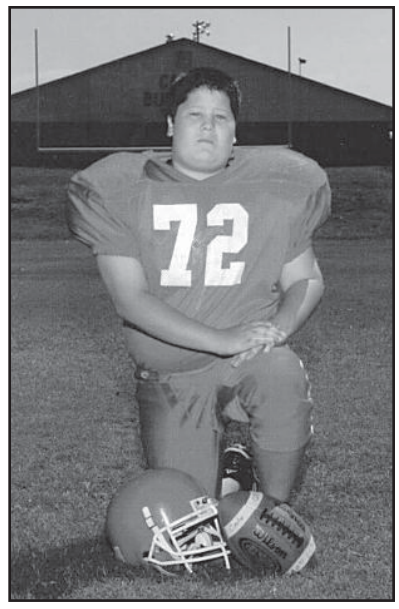
Phyllis Myers and Pastor Jim Myers

Phyllis and Pastor Jim Myers were recently honored by their church in Cache, Okla. Sunday, April 27, was National Church of God Pastor's Appreciation Day, the church recognized Phyllis and Jim for all their: love, dedication, and hard work at the church; several members spoke kind words. They were presented a card, love offering, gift card, flowers, and the entire church ate lunch at Pizza Hut together. They started and founded Restoration Church of God almost eight years ago.

They receive no pay, except they get to see souls saved and lives changed. They are both very active in the church and there is nothing they will not do. They are the proud parents of three children and six grandchildren.

May God continue to bless and keep the two of you. We love you: Tote, Luis, Wittle, Kassey, Keek, Bean, Big Bubba, Cris, Marjhaye, & CiCi

Derek Christopher Scruggs



Derek Christopher Scruggs is an eighth-grader at Cache Middle School in Cache, Okla. He is a very smart and bright young man. Our family is extremely proud of him.

Derek played on the eighth-grade football team and basketball team this year. He loves to play video games with his friends. He is very active in Restoration Church of God were his Paw-Paw Myers is the Pastor; he was recently baptized by his grandpa. He is involved in the church youth group and attends the nursing home ministry with his church.

He is a fine young man who makes his whole family proud. He will be starting high school the next school year. We are very proud of your success during Middle School. Congratulations on a job well done this year. You have stood up this school year for what is right, even if that meant standing alone.

God and your G.G. are looking down on you with a smile on their faces. Keep shining, you will be our Pharmacist some day.

All our Love Wittle:

Momma, Luis, Kass, Keek, Pop, Maw-Maw, Auntie Bean, Big Bubba, Auntie Cris, Marjhaye, & CiCi

Kassey LeWayne Scruggs

Kassey LeWayne Scruggs, 11, is a 5th grader at Cache Intermediate, Cache, Okla. She is active in school and church. She is a member of the gifted and talented program at her school.

Kassey was a cheerleader this year for the football team; she has a lot of energy and is always talking, singing or dancing. She sings and is on the dance team, she is also a part of the nursing home ministry at church. She is an active member at Restoration Church of God where her PawPaw Myers is the pastor.

We are very proud of her and all her accomplishments this school year. Keep up the great work Kass and keep letting your light shine!

All our Love and support:

Momma, Luis, Derek, Keek, Pop, Maw-Maw, Auntie Bean, Big Bubba, Aunt Cris, Marjhaye, & CiCi

P.S. Your G.G. would be very proud of you and is looking down on you.

Kinsey Lee Black

Kinsey Lee Black, 6, will graduate this year from Cache Primary in Cache, OK. She is very smart and loves school.

Kinsey is very active in her church; she attends Restoration Church of God were she sings, is on the dance team, and is part of the nursing home ministry. She smiles and laughs for everyone.

We are very proud of all she has accomplished. We know that God has a lot more in her future. Keep God first and he will lead you on life's journey. Congratulations Kinsey Graduate 2008! All our Love: Mommy, Luis, Derek, Kassey, Pop, Maw-Maw, Auntie Bean, Big Bubba, Aunt Cris, Marjhaye, & CiCi

Caroline Grace Moore

Caroline Grace Moore, 2, is the daughter of Matthew and Marcie Moore. She is the granddaughter of Louis and Kay Moore and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Thomas Nowell Moore.

Caroline Loves all things outdoor; loves her two puppies, Macy and Chance, and her cousin's dog, Jack. She adores playing dressup (especially when she can put fancy hats on Macy, her black lab.).

She likes to have tea parties and pretend to be a beautiful ballerina. She enjoys hiking and is a very musical little girl. She loves to visit her grandparents and Aunt Katie and Uncle Casey in Texas.

She is a blessing from God; we can hardly wait to see how He will use her to make a difference in this world!

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Connie Walton

Connie Walton is a 2008 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Steve and Tammy Walton. She is the granddaughter of Sue and the late Kenneth Davis and Bobbie Miles and the late Sonny Walton.

Connie is a member of the National Honor Society, received Student of the Year from JOM, and received the Masonic Award and was nominated for "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

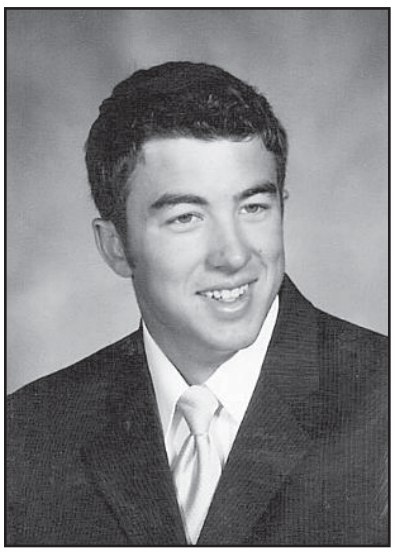
She plans to attend East Central University and major in nursing. She plans to work at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility as a registered nurse.

Torri Dawn Ward

Torri Dawn Ward is a 2008 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Randy and Melinda Ward. She is the granddaughter of Jean Wyche and the late Tommy Wyche and the late LeRoy and Norma Ward. She is the great-granddaughter of Morris Stick.

She plans to work in the field of cosmetology. She also loves Buffaloes!

Zac Fidler



Zac Fidler is a 2008 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Stephanie Fidler and Tracey Fidler. He is the grandson of Charles and Sandi McClure.

Zac's future plans are to work with his Dad this summer and attend college this fall.

Trent Goodman

Trent Goodman is a 2008 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Billy and Traci Goodman. He is the grandson of Bill and Carolyn Goodman.

Trent is a member of Swashbucklers Pep Club and played golf for two years.

His future plans are to work for the Chickasaw Nation.

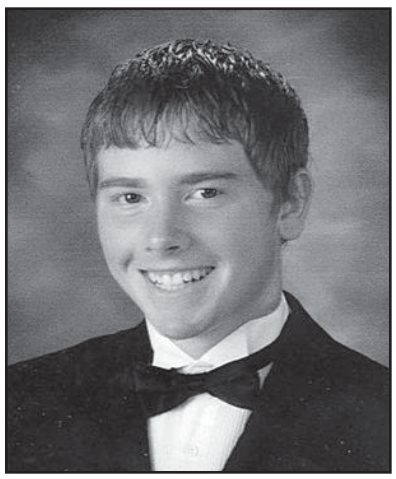
Jasmin McCoy

Jasmin R. McCoy is a 2008 graduate of Kinta High School, Kinta, Okla. She is the daughter of Jose and Nedra McCoy. She is the granddaughter of Alice Bowens Walker and Artie Robinson. She is the great-granddaughter of Lila Walters Hardy and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Emma Harris Walters.

Jasmin was active in basketball, Riverside All-Star 2005 – 2006 and 2006 – 2007 and cheerleading. She is a member of FCCLA, officer, student council officer, yearbook, academic team, state academic team, class officer, Oklahoma Honor Society and United States Achievement Academy.

She plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University and major in physical therapy.

Jeremy Walraven



Jeremy Scott Walraven is a 2008 graduate of The Colony High School, The Colony, Texas. He is the son of Scott and Lisa Walraven. He is the grandson of Barbara Dalton, of Adair, Okla.

Jeremy has been active in football for four years as linebacker. He is a member of FCA and the Lakeway Baptist Church Youth Group.

He plans to major in Criminal Justice and become a police officer.

Samantha Miller

Samantha Miller is a 2008 graduate of Prattville High School, Prattville, Alabama. She is the daughter of Trent Miller and Susan Miller. She is the granddaughter of the late Sue (Frensley) Miller.

Samantha participated as a wrestling Pin Pal and a basketball Courtside Cutie. She is a member of Well Spring Community Church.

Her plans are to go to college. She is interested in the medical field.

Tyler McKinley White

Tyler McKinley White is a 2008 graduate of MacArthur High School, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Sam and Tonja White. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Loren and Phyllis White and Floyd and Dody Railsback.

Tyler is a member of DECA, HOSA, and "Who's Who Among American High School Students," 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. In her spare time she enjoys volleyball; she played freshmen year at MacArthur and has been a member of USA Volleyball since she was 13.

She will be graduating a year ahead of schedule; she plans on studying pharmacology at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. She will start her studies this summer at San Antonio College and take the Pharmacy Tech Certification in August.

Lamont Daniel Frazier

Lamont Daniel Frazier is a 2008 graduate of Del City High School, Del City, Okla. He is the son of Lamont and Jeanne Frazier. He is the grandson of Shirley Wapskineh, Jack Frazier and Jerry and Mary Murphy.

Lamont is co-valedictorian of his senior class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Academic Letter Jacket recipient.

He is active in cross country; three-year letterman and top ranked runner for Del City High School and two-time State Qualifier All-City Honorable mention senior year, golf; four-year letterman and top ranked golfer at Del City High School the past two years.

He is a member of Teacher-Helper-Sunday School, Paint Ball Ministry, Youth Visitation, Youth Elder Care, Indian Hills Powwow Clean Up, Saturday and Sunday mornings with Church Youth Ministry.

He has been awarded OKC Powwow Club Indian Student of the Year, 2008 Finalist for Mr. Del City, American Indian Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, 2008 Chickasaw Nation Millennium and Governor's Scholarships.

He is going to attend Oklahoma Christian College and major in mathematics education. He is currently working at Twin Hills Golf and Country Club.

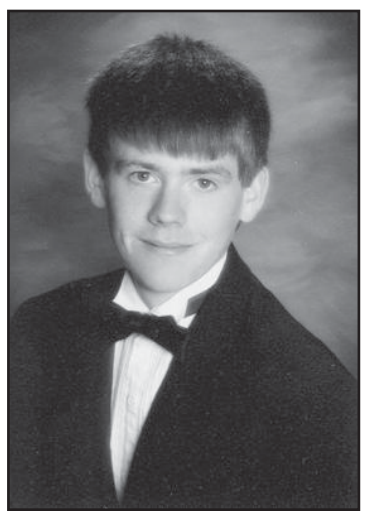
Jessie Miller

Jessie Miller is a 2008 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of James and Shannon Treat. She is the granddaughter of Charley and Suzanne Russell and Leroy and Carol Treat.

Jessie is a member of the Oklahoma Trotters, Native Voices, Native Praise, Business Professionals of America and choir.

Her future plans are to attend East Central University and become a teacher.

Mitchell Johnson

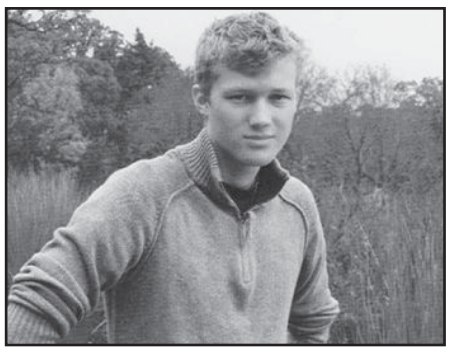


Mitchell Johnson is a 2008 graduate of Fernley High School, Fernley, Nev. He is the son of Randy and JoAnne Johnson. He is the grandson of Joe and Deanna Farris.

Mitchell is an Eagle Scout, and a member Construction Club and Conservation Club.

He plans to work for the Department of Wildlife as a Fish and Game Warden after college.

Forrest Cheadle



Forrest Shane Cheadle is a 2008 graduate of Glenpool High School, Glenpool, Okla. He is the son of Robert and Darlene Cheadle, of Ada, Okla., and Cheryl Cheadle, of Glenpool, Okla. He is the grandson of Overton "Buck" and Helen Cheadle, of Ada, Okla.

Forrest graduated with a 3.7 GPA and was selected to the Mid-East Regional Honors Band in 2007 and 2008.

He worked in the Chickasaw Arts and Humanities Division with the Summer Youth Program and was the assistant director for the performing arts section of the Summer Arts Academy in 2007.

He has received several grants and scholarships and will be attending Westminster College, of Fulton, Missouri, majoring in mass communications.

Tiffany Dabbs

Tiffany Nicole Dabbs is a 2008 graduate of Chandler High School, Chandler, Okla. She is the daughter of Roy and Kim Dabbs. She is the granddaughter of Emma and the late Dean Dabbs and Etta Cooper and the late Jimmy Williams.

Tiffany is active in fast-pitch softball, slow-pitch softball and mat maid. She is a member of yearbook, Spanish Club, FCA, Youth of Promise, FCCLA, and honor student. She was voted "Best Dressed" by her senior class.

She has signed a letter of intent to play fast-pitch at Independence Community College in Kansas. She plans to pursue a degree in sports medicine.

Daniel Walker

Daniel Walker is a 2008 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Gina Brown and Thurman Walker. He is the grandson of Herman and Opal Walker and Pauline Brown and Pauline Walker.

Daniel is a member of the Native Voices Native American Club and the track team.

His hobbies include playing basketball and hanging out with friends.

He plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University in the Fall.

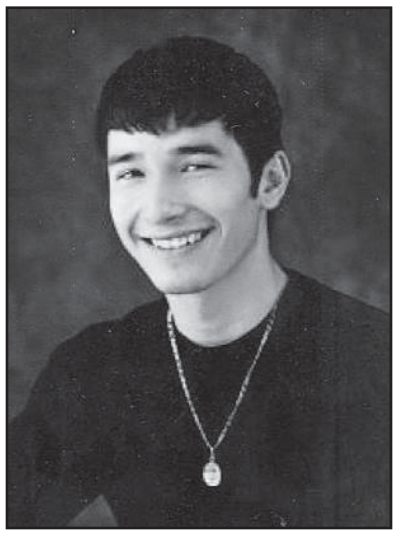
Callie Elizabeth Davis

Callie Elizabeth Davis is a 2008 graduate of Barnwell High School, Barnwell, S.C. She is the daughter of Ronald P. Davis and Jan C. Davis. She is the granddaughter of Mary Williams Davis and the great-great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Cyrus Harris.

Callie is active in volleyball, yearbook, Special Olympics, mentoring, Teen Institute and Beta Club. She served on the student council her freshman, sophomore and junior year.

She will be attending Lander University in Greenwood, S.C. She plans to major in education.

Damon Joseph Leo



Damon Joseph Leo is a 2008 graduate of Skyview High School, Billings, Montana. He is the son of Gordon and Susan Messerly and Ralph Leo. He is the grandson of Caroline Brown and the late Harley L. Brown, Rita Enno, Charlene Durand and the late Christopher Leo.

Damon's hobbies include riding horses, hunting, drawing, family, fishing, volleyball, jogging, playing drums and singing.

As a young child Damon was recognized by his kindergarten teacher as an "artist," at the young age of seven he was placed in gifted and talented art class at Lockwood School, until he graduated from eighth grade. He was the first Lockwood student to have his art displayed in the local magazine. He recently won first place for a pencil drawing and third place for wood burning entered in the Fort Belknap Mid-Winter fair.

Damon has been active in Early Talent Search for the past four years with Montana State University, Billings, taking 24 college credits with the Instruction of Arts School through Minneapolis and involved in Art Club, church activities, volleyball and other volunteer work.

He plans on going to Tucson, Arizona with his cousin to stay with his uncle and work for the summer. He plans to attend college at the Art Institute of Portland to attain his degree in media arts and animation.

Isaiah Wallace Sylvester

Isaiah Wallace Sylvester is a 2008 graduate of Northwest High School, Wichita, Kansas. He is the son of Geno and Melissa Sylvester. He is the grandson of Beverly Horse, Chester and Kay Horse, and James Sylvester and the late Gloria Sylvester.

Isaiah is a member of the Country Acres Baptist Church, where he works part-time.

He has been accepted to Wichita State University and will pursue a degree in Psychology/Counseling; where he hopes to open his own clinic and be of help to the community.

Courtney Parchcorn

Courtney Parchcorn is a 2008 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Buddy and Fran Parchcorn. She is the granddaughter of Dave and Nancy Sinclair, the late Franklin Allen, the late Richard Parchcorn, the late Delores Tsonetekoy and the late John Thomas.

Courtney was a member of the Byng band and choir; "Native Voices" Club president, Chickasaw Children's Choir; Chickasaw Pontotoc District Youth Council, president; Chickasaw Nation After School Arts Program; Chickasaw Nation Arts/Humanities Division Summer Youth worker; Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy teacher's assistant; and student in Music Composition.

She has several honors and awards; 1st place National Winner Beadwork Art - 2005 to 2007 Red Earth Festival National Youth Art Competition, Two-Time consecutive "Best of Show" National Winner Beadwork Art – 2006 to 2007 Red Earth Festival National Youth Art Competition, Juror's Awards (four) Beadwork Art – 2007 Chickasaw Nation Festival Seasam Art Show, National Finalist Beadwork Art – Native American Rights Fund Art Show, Boulder, Colo., with Art Exhibition November 2007 to January 2008, Artwork published in upcoming 2008 NARF *Modern Day Warriors* Art Show Book, by Fulcrum Publishing; Artwork Exhibition and sale, "Master's Show" at the OmniPlex Science Museum in Oklahoma City, February 2008 through March 2008, awarded "Artist of the Year" JOM Appreciation Banquet in Sulphur, Okla.

Her future plans are to continue beadwork art and music composition on the side while attending East Central University, majoring in music.

Jarika Trelea DeVaughan

Jarika Trelea DeVaughan is a 2008 graduate of Binger High School, Binger, Okla. She is the daughter of Keith and Debbie DeVaughan. She is the granddaughter of J.C. and June DeVaughan and LeRoy and Treva Gregory. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Thelma Byrd Lance.

Jarika was named valedictorian of her senior class. She has been awarded the USAA National Merit Science and English Awards and Outstanding Female Drama Student. She is a member of student council, president; FFA, vice-president; 4-H, vice-president; Beta Club, treasurer; and senior class reporter, OSU Honor Scholar, cheerleader captain, four years; FFA stock show team and speech team, Superintendent's Honor Roll and National Honor Society.

She was voted "All-Around Girl" and "Most Likely to Succeed" in her senior class.

She plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in bio-chemistry and molecular biology.

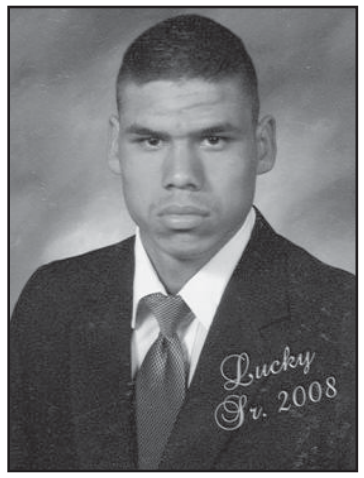
Kathleen Johnson

Kathleen Johnson is a 2008 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Richard and Cheryl Johnson. She is the granddaughter of Howard and Shirley Jackson.

Kathleen is a member of BPA and FFA.

Her ambition is to become a photographer.

Lucky Weems



Lucky Weems is a 2008 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Viola Weems.

Lucky's future plans are to continue to work for the Chickasaw Nation.

2008 College Graduates

Chad Morley

Chad Thomas Morley is a 2008 graduate of University of Kansas. He is the son of Peter and Barbara Morley. He is the great-grandson of Esther Lee DeArmon and the great-great-grandson of Laura Lee Perry DeArmon.

Chad received his Bachelor of Science in Finance with a concentration in Economics. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Sigma Alpha Lambola (men's honors and leadership organization) and the Golden Key National Honor Society.

He will be employed by Cerner Corporation in Kansas City.

Elizabeth Polk

Elizabeth Jeanne Polk is a 2008 graduate of University of Southern California. She is the daughter of Randel and Jeanne Polk, of Oklahoma City. She is the granddaughter of Marjorie Polk and the late B.R. Polk, of Oklahoma City; and Bettye and John Minnett, of Chickasha, Okla.

Elizabeth received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Concentration in Finance Law. She will attend Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University in the fall of 2008.

She is of Chickasaw heritage from both parents. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Euda Hill Polk and the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Benjamin F. Collins, Sr.

Emilie Staryak

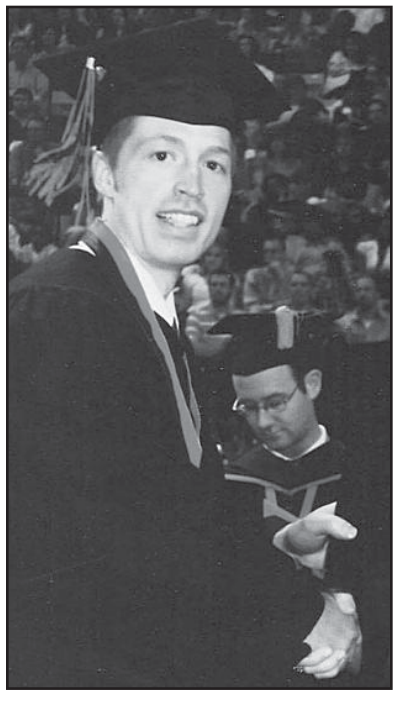
Emilie Staryak is a 2008 graduate of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. She is the daughter of Deidre Patrick Cheney and Dr. Alan Cheney of Saba Island, Dutch West Indies. She is the granddaughter of Tania Colbert Patrick and Allan Patrick, of Plano, Texas and Bob and Diane Cheney, of Sun City West, Arizona. She is the sister of Philip Patrick Cheney and sister-in-law Elizabeth Lesniak Cheney, of St. Louis. A direct descendent of James Logan Colbert and great-granddaughter of Chickasaw original enrollee Jimmy Colbert, of Ardmore, Okla.

On May 22, Emilie Gael Staryak received a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Community Counseling from the prestigious Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Emilie earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Drake University in 2004.

She is a proud Chickasaw who has participated in several Annual Chikashsha Ittifama Reunions. She completed much of her classwork while her husband, U.S. Army Capt. Aaron Staryak, served in Iraq. During that time, Emilie also trained with Team In Training® and completed an Olympic-distance triathlon, raising over $4,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America.

She currently resides in Pacific Grove, Calif., where her husband attends the Naval Postgraduate School.

Jake Vietzke



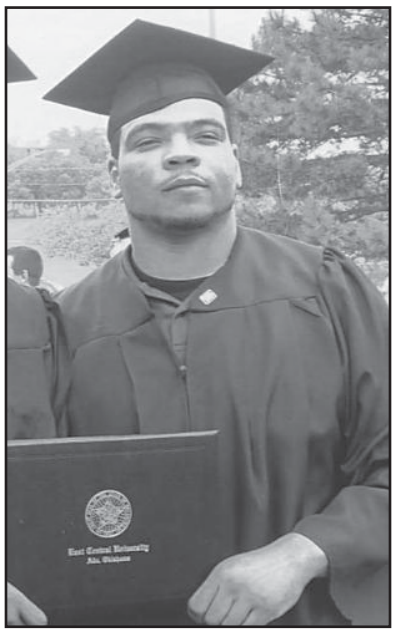
Jake Vietzke is a 2008 graduate of Oklahoma State University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vietzke and the grandson of Mrs. Janet Smith.

Jake graduated with honors on May 3, 2008. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutritional Sciences.

He competed in the 2008 Natural Southern States Classic competition of the North American Natural Bodybuilding Federation in Liberty, Missouri; he won his Novice Division and the Overall Novice Men's Division. He later competed in the Mr. OSU Classic and placed third.

He plans to continue his studies at OSU and pursue a master's degree.

Charles Wayne Cohee



Charles Wayne Cohee Jr. is a 2008 graduate of East Central University, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Charles and Fredia Cohee. He is the grandson of the late Ollie V. Smith and Ralph and Christine Cohee. He is the great-grandson of the late Jessie and Evelida McGee.

Charles played defensive lineman for four years at East Central University and was named defensive player of the year for 2007. He graduated from Ardmore High School where he earned All-State and All-District and numerous honorable mentions.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Kristen Rita Dearing

Kristen Rita Dearing is a 2008 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla. She is the daughter of Mike and Karen DeMoss, of Scottsdale, Arizona. She is the niece of Jeannette Reed, of Tulsa, Okla.

Kristen received a bachelor's degree in nursing. She graduated with a 3.1 GPA and will begin her career in Oncology Nursing at Mercy Hospital in Edmond, Okla. While at OBU she was on the Presidential Honor Roll and completed the accelerated nursing program in three years.

She would like to thank the Chickasaw Education Services for providing her with scholarship, tuition, textbook and clothing grants that allowed her to complete her education. She is especially grateful for the laptop provided.

Tiffanie Rose Pierce

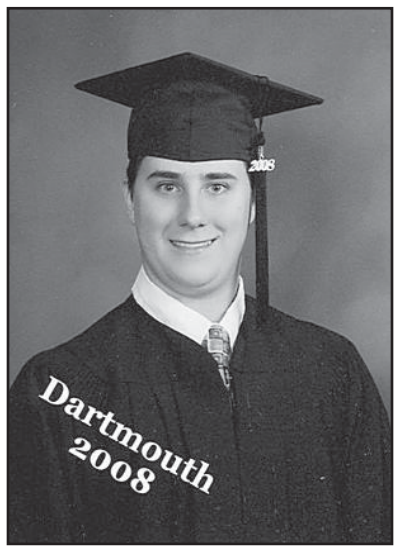
Tiffanie Rose Pierce is a 2008 graduate of Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri. She is the daughter of Perry and Terry Rich. She is the granddaughter of Melvin and Rosalie Blackburn. She is the wife of Charles Pierce and the mother of Clay Ryan, 5, and Kaydence Renee, 2.

Tiffanie received an associates degree in nursing (May 2005) and a bachelor's degree in nursing (May 2006) from Miami University of Ohio and a master's of nursing, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (December 2008) from Saint Louis University, and certified as a pediatric nurse practitioner (Feb. 2008). She will begin working at Cincinnati Children's Medical Center with the orthopedic surgery team.

She would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for helping her with some of the financial burden of graduate school.

Geoffrey Colman

Geoffrey Bennett Colman is the son of Michele L. Colman and Dr. Gregory J. Colman. He is the grandson of tribal member Haljeanne Turnbull Bennett and Louis Edward Bennett. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee Albert Turnbull; who passed away during World War I.

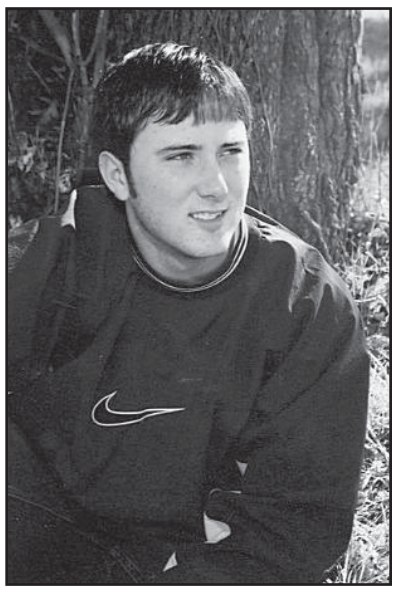


Geoffrey completed a double major in Evolutionary Biology and Economics for his Bachelor of Arts degree. He plans to attend business school for his MBA after working in "the real world" for a few years.

He enjoyed his four years at Dartmouth College, taking advantage of the classes that offered Native American Studies. Dartmouth College was originally founded as a college to educate young Native American men in 1769 so the college maintains a link to its historical beginnings.

He plans to go back home to California and pursue possible job opportunities in marketing, the pharmaceutical industry or high tech firms.

Dakota Cole



Dakota Cole is a 2008 graduate of East Central University. He is the son of Rosanna Easterling and Ronald Cole. He is the grandson of Dawatha and the late Coy Easterling and Kennth and Elsie Cole. He is the great-grandson of Mrs. Ed Bryant.

Dakota received a Bachelor's Degree in General Business from ECU, May 2008. He was the recipient of the "Outstanding Graduate in General Business" award, presented to him at the ECU School of Business Banquet, May 2008.

He will continue to run his cattle business, while furthering his education. His plans are to receive a master's degree in accounting.

Thank you Chickasaw Nation and Governor Anoatubby for your help and support.

Thank you for all the 2008 Graduate submissions.

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Attorney General Hartley-Kelso serves as Foundation vice-chairman

Deanna Hartley-Kelso

Deanna Hartley-Kelso, originally from Fort Worth, Texas, is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and currently serves the tribe's Attorney General and Administrator for the Justice Division. Before serving in this capacity, Deanna served as General Counsel for the Legal Division and was also the first Legislative Counsel for the Chickasaw Nation Legislature.

Her prior employment includes general corporate work as Associate Corporate Counsel for Color Tile, Inc. in Fort Worth, and General Counsel for Marketing Investors Corp. in Dallas. She is a 1993 graduate of Tulsa University School of Law, where she earned her J.D., and a 1989 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington where she earned her bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in business administration.

Deanna is licensed to practice law by the State of Texas and the State of Oklahoma as well as the tribal courts of the Chickasaw Nation and Muscogee (Creek) Nation. She is a member of the Oklahoma Indian Bar Association, Native American Bar Association, and the Federal Bar Association. Deanna is also a Fellow (and 10-year member) of The College of the State Bar of Texas, which recognizes professionalism through education.

As for community activities, she is the Vice Chair of the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees, a citizen appointee to the Arkansas Riverbed Authority, an adjunct professor at East Central University in Ada, Okla., and a previous volunteer for North Texas Legal Services-American Indian Law Project.

Deanna also serves on numerous other boards and committees within the Chickasaw Nation as well as representing the Chickasaw Nation at the United Nations Working Group on the Draft Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound

Upward Bound students at the Student Leadership Council at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs had a busy month in April.

A Financial Aid & Admissions workshop was held April 5 at the Murray State College (MSC) computer lab for students in the bridge component of the program. These students will take six credit hours of college courses this summer. Twelve students and several parents attended the workshop to apply for admission to MSC and to complete the summer Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The Upward Bound State Student Leadership Conference was on April 11-12 at the Crowne Plaza in Oklahoma City. Fifteen students and three staff attended. Students started with a college visit to the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond where they received information on UCO as well as financial aid. They also attended several workshops to enhance their knowledge and leadership skills.

The monthly meeting was held in Ada on April 19 with 71 students volunteering for the annual Children's Fair at the Agriplex. Students provided face painting for kids, assisted with many other booths and picked-up trash at the end of the event. Students received information for the summer session orientation and dates for the summer residential session. New students and the student of the month were recognized and the essay topic assignment was to write about child abuse prevention.

Chickasaw Foundation 2008-09 Scholarship Application

The 2008-09 Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship Application is available now on our web site, www.chickasawfoundation.org or you may contact our office at (580) 421-9030 to be placed on the mailing list. The deadline for this year is June 9th.

Heather Pugh is Chickasaw Foundation 'Student of the Month'

Heather Pugh

The Chickasaw Foundation established the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month program to recognize and honor students who display the following characteristics: good citizenship, respectful to peers and program staff, program participation, leadership qualities, positive attitude, demonstrates responsibility, community service participation, cultural/tribal activities participation and demonstrates a positive academic work ethic.

Ms. Heather Pugh was selected April 2008 Student of the Month.

Heather is a junior at Madill High School and has attended the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program for two years. She carried a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school and is actively involved in speech by attending the state meet last year and regionals this year. Principal Leadership Club is another organization that she participates in based on community service.

Heather is a member of the National Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll and Regional Educational Technology Assistance. Her future plans include attending college and majoring in physical therapy.

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Wichita Council engages in international cultural exchange

A bit of Chickasaw culture was taken to France, China and Mexico from Wichita's Mid-America All-Indian Center in May as representatives of those countries participated in a program presented by the Chickasaw Dance Troupe.

Wichita is a participant in the Sister Cities International program, which engages in cultural exchanges with Orleans, France; Tlalnepantla and Cancun, Mexico; and Kuifeng, China. On May 10 Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer and members of the Wichita City Council joined the foreign representatives in attending the Dance Troupe's activities.

Dressed in Indian regalia at the Pow Wow In Wichita are Rani Rivas, Genie Haines and Fran Elliott, members of the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita. The inter-tribal Pow Wow was conducted at the Mid-America All Indian Center.

Mayor Brewer and several of the Sister Cities visitors also took part in the dancing. The Chickasaw Dance Troupe members are excellent ambassadors of good will.

The Mayor of Sister Cities visitors were presented copies of the book "Chickasaw, Unconquered and Unconquerable" by Lynn Stumblingbear, chair of the Wichita Council. These impressive books were autographed by Governor Anoatubby especially for this event.

On May 17 and 18 the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita took part in a Powwow at the Mid-America All-Indian Center. This was a closing event for this year's annual Wichita Riverfest. Several members of the Council wore their Indian regalia and joined in the dancing, which lasted until late in the evening.

The Wichita Council did not have a meeting in May. The next meeting will be June 15 at the Indian Center. We plan to show the only known documentary about TeAta. It is the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma – sponsored video "God's Drum," a Shawnee Brittan production. There are comments by the late Oklahoma State Senator Helen Cole, Chickasaw Governor Bill Anoatubby, USAO regent Lillian Boland and storyteller Lynn Moroney. We also have a copy of the early 1900s McCall's magazine that featured TeAta.

Candidate forum set for June 24

A candidate forum is scheduled for June 24 in Purcell, Okla.

The forum will begin at 7 p.m. at First American Bank of Purcell. It is hosted by a group of Chickasaw voters.

With the release of the official candidate list by the Chickasaw Election Commission, the listed candidates will be invited to participate.

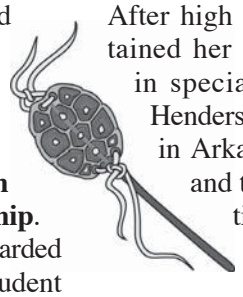
Each candidate, according to the group, will be allowed an amount of time to present, followed by a question-and-answer session and a summary.

Candidates may contact Betty Kemp at (405) 364-0355 for more information.

Chickasaw Foundation announces new scholarships for 2008-2009

David and Carolyn Nimmo endowed the **David & Carolyn Nimmo Graduate Business Scholarship** to be awarded to a Chickasaw student attending an accredited college or university with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The student must be pursuing an MBA. The scholarship is a $500 award ($250/semester).

Thank you, David and Carolyn!



Phil and Trish (Fowler) Hays, and Greg, Kara, Alex and Caitlin Hays endowed the **Stacie Lynn Hays Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship will be awarded to a full-time Chickasaw student with a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Undergraduate students in any accredited two or four-year college or university majoring in counseling with a preference for students focusing on domestic violence prevention may apply. The scholarship will be a $1,000 award ($500/semester).

Stacie, born January 2, 1967, in Ada, Okla., was the beloved daughter to Phillip and Patricia (Trisha) Hays and sister to Greg. Stacie is the great -granddaughter of Melinda Gibson Blackwood, original enrollee of The Chickasaw Nation. Stacie's maternal grandparents are the late Nicolas Bit and Lillian Blackwood Fowler (Lillian was the first nutrition specialist for The Chickasaw Nation) of Pauls Valley, Okla. Paternal grandparents are Mary Helen and the late Harve Hays of Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

Stacie was special….

Stacie was a championship student-athlete at Moore Public Schools in Moore, Oklahoma for 11 years and DeQueen High School, in DeQueen, Arkansas where she graduated in 1985.

After high school, Stacie obtained her bachelor's degree in special education from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas and the Chickasaw Nation provided partial grant funding for her education. Stacie's unique skills of compassion, love of people, and kindness to all made her a "natural" as she pursued her teaching and business career. She taught special education students in Little Rock, Arkansas prior to establishing her business in Columbia, South Carolina, where she resided for 12 years.

Throughout Stacie's life she was personally involved supporting those in difficult situations or less fortunate than herself. As a teenager, Stacie taught summer activities for mentally challenged children and volunteered at Special Olympics events. Stacie had the natural ability to make each child feel like the most important person in the world while in her presence. Her passion for special children continued through college and after graduation as she pursued her initial vocation as a special education teacher. After several years of teaching special education in Arkansas, she began her own business to help those who need help finding gainful employment, always ensuring employees were treated with the greatest dignity and respect.

It is befitting that Stacie's legacy continue with this scholarship so that those who are victims of domestic abuse and violence can find refuge, and those who are not may never find themselves in a situation where they are subjected to mental, emotional, spiritual or physical abuse.

Stacie lived life to the fullest and was a precious blessing to her family and friends. Her loving spirit, contagious laughter and her prized relationship with her family and circle of friends made her a treasure to all she met. She was always so proud of her family, friends and her Chickasaw Heritage, often accompanying her grandmother to special events such as "pow wows."

Stacie Lynn Hays
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OKC Metro Council hears Oklahoma Historical Society presentation

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council met the first Tuesday of May at 6 p.m. for dinner and monthly meeting. The council provided Arby's roast beef sandwiches and council members brought homemade salads, green beans, potatoes, cornbread and desserts. This time to share a meal and visit is priceless to our members. Come join us!

One of our members passed away recently and we remembered her at this meeting. She was always a bright, smiling face and helpful with the meals. Chenena Roach was the sister of Overton James, previous Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. She will be missed.

Our guest speaker was Bill Welge from the Oklahoma Historical Society. He gave a wonderful presentation of the role the Historical Society has played in rescuing our historical documents from the attic of the Federal Court House in Muskogee. They tried for years to have the water-damaged records turned over to the Society and finally succeeded. He credited Rela Looney for working faithfully on these records from 1929 to 1974 to get them microfilmed. There are many Indian Pioneer interviews on file at the historical center. The staff there will help anyone search the data they have.

We are looking for helpers to prepare and decorate our float at the Liberty Fest Parade on July 4th. We need a flatbed trailer, so please let us know if you have one we could borrow! It looks like we are going to have John Herrington, Chickasaw astronaut, to lead in front of our float! This will be the third year that our council has entered a float and we hope to make many people aware of our presence in the OKC area.

Brian George announced he will be at Riverwind Casino on August 22 to represent his ancestor, Governor Winchester Colbert, who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. This is quite an honor and we applaud Brian for nominating him.

Monte Bowlen, the picnic committee chairman, reports our summer picnic for July 19 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the South Lakes Center 4210 SW 119th, in OKC. It has a facility with air conditioning along with a great playground! Everyone will have to RSVP because it is going to be catered and we will need an accurate number to have enough food! We will have lots of games and storytelling. Contact Betty Smith at (405) 348-7459.

Our Council Board met with the Governor on April 21 and were so pleased to have the opportunity to relay our appreciation for the new programs coming to those of us who are "out of Nation" and to hear the big plans coming our way in OKC. Postcards will be mailed quarterly to those in our area about our meetings and activities by the Nation. We will be provided a computer for our council to keep our membership list and other info on. We will also have a speaker come from the Administration to take questions from our members.

Our next meeting will be June 3, 2008. The speaker will be Michael Kelly, President of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of OKC. We will be serving Hidaway Pizza for dinner.

Remember the OKCMCCC we are on the sixth floor of Lakepointe Towers, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. We welcome everyone to attend our meetings and activities. Contact information: Pam Conard (405) 973-8127.

William Welge, Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society's Research Division, speaks on Chickasaw records and the digitizing project sponsored by the Tribe.

Chief Justice Bellefeuille-Gordon presents information on court advocates

The Northern Pontotoc Community Council conducted its meeting on Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m. Tom Hogland called the meeting to order. After minutes from the April meeting were read, the visiting guests were introduced.

Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille Gordon was the speaker for the evening. She spoke about the Chickasaw District Court available to us, and also the use of our Court Advocates. She informed us of a $500 Scolarship available for Chickasaws desiring to go to law school.

There will also be Summer Law Camp (Day Camp) in Ada for high school age Chickasaws. The deadline for that two-day camp is July 7.

Justice Barbara Smith was also a guest, and shared information with us regarding the Chickasaw Peacemaking Court.

Also visiting was David Ponder, Court Advocate from Purcell. Katie Case, our legislator, Sherri Waters and Karen Goodnight from the Division of Commerce, Mike Wingo from the Division of Housing, Sharon Nelson, our liaison for the council, and Vicki Gordon from the Outpost. We would like to thank all of our guest for making time to attend our meeting.

The Lighthorse Police will be our guest at the June meeting.

We are excited about our July meeting because Governor Anotubby has graciously agreed to be our guest. That will be on the second Tuesday in July. We plan to have Indian Tacos to share that evening. Door prizes were given to some who attended and the meeting was adjourned.

Please make plans to attend our next community council meeting. They are normally on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Chickasaw Training Facility located in Newcastle, Okla.

Visit the CHIC Center!

The CHIC Center is a patient health information center where you can use computers to access health care information through the National Library of Medicine. It is located in the main lobby of CAIHF. CHIC Center staff is available to assist patients during their visit. Privacy screens will also be utilized so patients can maintain confidentiality and printers will be available for those who prefer to print information for home review.

Visit www.chicresources.net or www.nlm.nih.gov to access the latest in health information.

For more information on the CHIC Center, call Elizabeth Brewer at (580) 436-3980 ext. 80919.

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CNHS Employee of the Year

Alicson Scott, left, receives the 2007 Employee of the Year award from Lisa Bumpus, Chickasaw Nation Health System Deputy Administrator.

CNHS Team of the Year

2007 CNHS Team of the Year, from left, Leslie Cook, Jennifer Spiegel, Carla Eidson, Lisa Bumpus, Neva Harjochee, Sarah Miracle, Kathy Bean, AnDina Wiley, Dayla Tidwell, Alicson Scott, Ruth Burrows and Crystal Wade.

The Chickasaw Nation Health System awarded the "Employee of the Year" award to Alicson Scott and "Team of the Year" honors to Get Fresh! Program staff in a reception conducted on May 12, 2008.

Get Fresh! is an innovative nutrition education program that provides cooking classes and fitness guidance. Program staff offer monthly cooking demonstrations at the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services sites in Ada, Ardmore and Purcell and can be scheduled by request. Their "hands-on" approach through classes, menu planning and nutrition education teaches clients about having great tasting, nutritious, budget-friendly meals.

Scott is the Food Demonstration Specialist Coordinator for the Get Fresh! team. Many co-workers and clients have described Scott as someone who has a great personality, a positive attitude, high standard of professionalism and as someone who is always willing to go the extra mile when called upon. She strives to give her clients the best care and information available, while making each one feel special.

"It is an honor to recognize Alicson Scott as employee of the year, as well as the Get Fresh! staff as team of the year," said Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Health System Administrator. "The Get Fresh Program is vital in helping to create our vision of healthy American Indians through informed choices and excellent health services."

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Strawberry Cream Trifle

1 10.5-oz angel food cake loaf
1 .6-oz pkg. strawberry flavored sugar free gelatin
1 ¾ c. boiling water
2 c. ice cubes
2 c. strawberries, sliced
2 Whole strawberries for garnish
1 8-oz. tub fat free light whipped topping, thawed

Slice angel food loaf into cubes. Stir boiling water into gelatin in large bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Add ice cubes; stir until melted. Add whipped topping and sliced strawberries; stir gently until well blended. Refrigerate 10 minutes or until mixture is very thick and will mound. Begin layers with ½ of angel food cake cubes in bottom of trifle dish. Gently spoon ½ strawberry cream mixture over cake cubes. Layer remaining cubes over strawberry mixture then remainder of cream mixture. Garnish with strawberries. Refrigerate for 3 hours or until firm.

Makes 16 servings

Get Fresh!

Nutrition Information: 90 calories; 2 g fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 160 mg sodium; 17 g carbohydrates; 1 g fiber; 2 g protein.

Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. For more information on Food Stamps or the Food Distribution Program, visit www.getfreshcooking.com.

Joanna Hawkins named Health System Nurse of the Year

From left, Karen Downley, RN; Karen Choate, LPN; Les Caldwell, RN; Nurse of the Year Joanna Hawkins, LPN; Shannon Wagnon, LPN; Audrey Ennis, RN; Heather Summers, Director of Patient Services.

The Chickasaw Nation Health System recently presented "Nurse of the Year" honors to Joanna Hawkins. Ms. Hawkins is licensed practical nurse (LPN) at the Family Practice Center in Ada, Okla.

"Ms. Hawkins is an exceptional employee," CNHS administrator Bill Lance said. "She strives daily, through hard work and dedication, to make sure each patient receives the highest quality care."

Hawkins ensures patients' questions and concerns are conveyed to their physicians, and she often takes extra time to visit with patients to make sure they understand their doctor's plan of care and what their options are. She has a great rapport with patients and treats everyone with care. She can often be seen holding a patient's hand to comfort them and listen to their concerns.

Ms. Hawkins and each of the Nurse of the Year Nominees exemplify excellent customer service and dedication to their patients.

The 2007 Nurse of the Year Nominees:

Karen Downley, RN-Emergency Department

Karen Choate, LPN-Pediatric Clinic

Les Caldwell, RN-Nursing Supervisor

Joanna Hawkins, LPN-Family Practice Center-Nurse of the year 2007

Shannon Wagnon, LPN-Pediatric Clinic

Audrey Ennis, RN-Pediatric Clinic

Heather Summers, Director of Patient Services

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Disposal of prescription drugs becoming environmental issue

Over the past few months, several scientific reports have been released showing the presence of prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines in our water supply.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products (PPCPs) can enter the environment after use by individuals or domestic animals. PPCPs consist of a diverse collection of thousands of chemical substances including prescription and over-the-counter medications, veterinary drugs, fragrances, lotions and cosmetics.

PPCPs make their way into the environment when medication residues pass through the body into sewer lines; externally-applied drugs and personal care products wash down the drain; and unused or expired medications are put into the trash or flushed down the toilet. Some reports show that drugs, including some cholesterol fighters, tranquilizers and anti-epileptic medications, resist modern wastewater treatment processes. According to the EPA, there are no sewage treatment systems specifically engineered to remove pharmaceuticals.

According to Dr. Stephanie Burns, clinical pharmacy coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation Health System, "We are concerned about this issue because it can interfere with the growth and reproduction of fish and other wildlife that are found in the waterways. Also, there is some concern that the contaminated waterways may be increasing bacterial resistance to antibiotics."

Here are some tips on how you can help keep the water supply safe:

• Take advantage of pharmaceutical take-back programs or household hazardous waste collection programs.

• If there are no take-back programs in your area, you should follow any specific disposal instructions that may be printed on the label or patient information forms accompanying your prescriptions.

• Unused or expired medications should never be flushed down the drain unless the patient is specifically advised to do so.

• You can also safely dispose of medications by taking them out of their original container, crushing them and dissolving them in water. Once the medications are dissolved, mix them with kitty litter or sawdust. According to Dr. Burns, the main purpose of mixing medications with kitty litter or sawdust is to absorb the medication and make it less appealing for children and pets.

The Chickasaw Nation Health System Pharmacy Department recently conducted a "No Drugs Down the Drain" pharmacy collection event in an effort to increase awareness about harmful pollutants and aid patients in proper disposal of unused medications. Approximately 200 prescriptions were collected during the event.

The EPA is conducting continual research over the presence of PPCPs and their effect on our water supply. For more information, please visit www.epa.gov.

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Diabetic? Preparing for a trip? Here are some important hints

Family vacations, camping trips and holiday travel are right around the corner. The American Diabetes Association offers the following tips on how to care for diabetes when you are away from home.

Take plenty of supplies

Customized cases are available at reasonable prices for carrying insulin, syringes, glucose meters and other supplies. Some cases include ice packs to keep insulin fresh in hot weather. When you pack the case, put in more than you think you will need so you won't have to worry about running out. Include a logbook for tracking your test results as well. In addition, keep all diabetes supplies with you and protect them from extremely hot or cold temperatures. Don't check the bag with the diabetes supplies when you're flying; take it as carry-on luggage. Check airline regulations ahead of time, or, if you do a lot of traveling, get a note from the doctor and keep it for future travel.

Carry lots of snacks

If you are going on a long car or plane trip, stock a backpack with a variety of snacks. Throw in several juice boxes or packs of glucose tablets. Put cheese and crackers into sandwich bags or make a big bag of trail mix. Eating on the road can be unpredictable. You never know how long it will take to get to the next exit with a restaurant or when a meal could be delayed on a plane.

Talk to the doctor about time zone changes

A cross-country plane trip wreaks havoc on any schedule. Before you leave, ask your doctor for guidelines on how to adapt your diabetes schedule to swift time-zone changes. In general, a trip east means a shorter day and less insulin. A trip west means a longer day and more insulin. Check your blood glucose frequently to figure out whether more or less insulin might be needed.

Make sure you wear a medical ID

It's especially important when you're in an unfamiliar city, without access to your doctor or when a diabetic child is not with the family.

Check blood glucose more often

When you're away from home, it's harder to stick to a schedule. Frequent blood glucose checks can give you the information you need to make spur-of-the-moment diabetes decisions.

Be careful about syringe and lancet disposal

Take a hard plastic or metal box, such as a pencil box, for used syringes and lancets. Wait until you get back home to dispose of them.

The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center staff is available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have about traveling and diabetes. They host events, such as the Power of Prevention Health Fair to educate patients on safe practices and preventative measures.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center please call (580) 421-4532.

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Ardmore's Lincoln Elementary hosts Get Fresh! nutrition fair

From left, AnDina Wiley, Get Fresh!, Dailyn Dixon, Carla Eidson, Get Fresh!, Taylor Thornton and Jennifer Spiegel, Get Fresh!. Dailyn Dixon and Taylor Thornton are in Mrs. Serrano's third grade class.

The Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! Program hosted a nutrition fair from Friday, May 8 at Lincoln Elementary in Ardmore, Okla.

First- through fifth-graders attended the interactive event that helps promote healthy eating habits and exercise.

"By educating children about healthy eating and overall wellness, we are making a life-long investment in our future," said Governor Bill Anoatubby.

The event featured an interactive walk through the food guide pyramid. Students learned about healthy food choices from each group and were able to try healthy options at each stop along the pyramid.

Here are some tips on how you can help your children make healthy choices:

• Start smart with breakfast. Try to serve foods with whole grains.

• Calcium helps build strong bones. Combine three servings of low fat dairy products each day along with active play for healthy bones.

• Choose a variety of fruits and vegetables each day. Healthy skin, eyes and immune systems come from a good daily combination of fruits and vegetables.

• There are no good or bad foods. High fat foods should be eaten less often and in smaller serving sizes.

• Choose lean proteins. Red meats, fish, chicken, turkey, nuts, seeds, peas and beans are all good sources of protein.

• Children should aim for at least an hour of active play each day for healthy balance. Achieving a healthy balance means that energy in food form equals energy burned with activity.

For more information on the Get Fresh! Program, call (580) 272-5506.

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Steak, Cranberry & Pear Salad

4	Beef tenderloin steaks, cut 3/4 inch thick (4 ounces each)
1/2 t.	Coarse ground black pepper
1 Pkg.	Mixed baby salad greens(5 ounces)
1	Red or green pear, cored, cut into 16 wedges
1/4 C.	Dried cranberries
1/4 C.	Coarsely chopped pecans, toasted

Honey Mustard Dressing:

1/2 C.	Prepared honey mustard
2 to 3 T.	Water
11/2 t.	Olive oil
1 t.	White wine vinegar
1/4 t.	Coarse ground black pepper

Makes 4 servings

1. SEASON beef steaks with ½ teaspoon pepper. HEAT large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. COOK 7 to 9 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, TURNING occasionally.
2. Meanwhile WHISK Honey Mustard Dressing ingredients in small bowl until well blended. SET aside. DIVIDE greens evenly among 4 plates. TOP evenly with pear wedges and dried cranberries.
3. CARVE steaks into thin slices; SEASON with salt as desired. DIVIDE steak slices evenly over salads. TOP each salad evenly with dressing, and pecans.

Nutrition Information: 300 calories; 11 g fat; 60 mg cholesterol; 180 mg sodium; 21 g carbohydrates; 3 g dietary fiber; 23 g protein.

Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services

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Original Enrollees Honored, continued from page 1

lived through some difficult times. The Dawes Act is not the proudest moment in our entire history, but they persevered and they kept alive the great Native American culture and heritage in our state."

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the original enrollees were the "bedrock of the tribes as we know them today."

"Daisy is a wonderful lady," said Gov. Anoatubby. "She is certainly an example of the dynamic women we have in the Chickasaw Nation."

Each of the original enrollees have gone through the good times and bad times in the history of the state, Gov. Anoatubby said, and are great examples of dynamic women.

State Representative Jerry McPeak, a Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen, organized the event.

He said he had the idea after meeting Mrs. Berryhill at a Creek Nation gathering.

"I was looking in the eyes of history," Rep. McPeak said. "When you can touch it and see history, it's special."

State Rep. Lisa Billy, a Chickasaw citizen, introduced the women on the floor of the House as "wonderful, wonderful elders from our state."

"The Dawes Commission was set up basically to assimilate and to get rid of tribal people within Indian Territory, which we know later became Oklahoma," Rep. Billy said.

The roll numbers, Rep. Billy said, were a way for the government to keep track of Native people, who were not allowed to buy, sell or trade land at the time.

Governor Anoatubby presents Chickasaw original enrollee Daisy Blackbird a shawl at the state capitol.

Mrs. Blackbird was born Jan. 18, 1903 in Tupelo, Indian Territory to Arthur E. and Elizabeth Hawley. She was enrolled as a Chickasaw citizen in 1905.

Her mother, one brother and two sisters are also listed on the original Dawes Commission rolls as Chickasaws by blood.

After spending her early years on the farm, Mrs. Blackbird became a career woman at a time when that was quite unusual.

She taught school in Coalgate and Tupelo, Oklahoma after graduating from Tupelo High School and Pittsburg Teachers' College in Kansas.

She later took a job as a clerk for the Oklahoma Supreme Court where she met her future husband, the late Oklahoma Chief Justice William H. Blackbird.

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Dawes Commission

The Dawes Commission was created to dissolve tribal governments and divide tribal land among individual members of what were then known as the Five Civilized Tribes. The Dawes Commission failed in the task of dissolving tribal governments of the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole nations.

All those tribal governments are in operation today. The Dawes Commission rolls still serve as the basis for tribal citizenship.

To be eligible for a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood and citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation, an individual must establish that they are a lineal descendant of an original enrollee.

According to Dawes Commission records, 5,914 individuals were enrolled as Chickasaw citizens by blood. This included 578 newborns and 324 minors.

Virtually all of these individuals were enrolled between June 28, 1898 and March 5, 1907.

Move It! Walks in June

The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor three Move It! Family Fun Walks during the month of June.

The events will be at the following locations:

• June 14 – Ada, Wintersmith Park- 7 a.m.-11 a.m.

*registration will end at 9 a.m.

• June 21 – Ardmore, Ardmore High School Campus - 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

• June 28 – Purcell, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd. - 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

Move It! Is the National Diabetes Education Program's campaign to help increase physical activity and combat diabetes. Diabetes is one of the most serious health challenges facing American Indians and Alaska Natives in the United States.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Indians and Alaska Natives are more than twice as likely to have diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of the disease. In this type of diabetes, the body does not produce enough insulin, or the body's cells ignore the insulin. Insulin helps the body use glucose for energy.

The body normally breaks down sugars and starches from food into glucose. Insulin then takes the sugar from the blood into the cells. When this process does not happen and glucose remains in the blood and builds up instead of going into cells, it can starve cells for energy. Over time, high glucose levels may harm your eyes, kidneys or heart.

Diet and exercise are key factors in reducing or eliminating the risk of diabetes. You can make a big impact on your health by making a few small changes including eating healthier and increasing your physical activity.

Plan to attend the Move It! Fun Run/Walk events with your family and friends to help increase physical activity and combat diabetes. Many Chickasaw Nation programs will have display and information booths at the Move It! events.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation Move It! Family Fun Walk events, please contact the following:

Ada Event- Melinda Ward (580) 310-9661

Ardmore Event- James Lampkin (580) 222-2828

Purcell Event- Angie Christensen (580) 272-5288

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Web Site Redesign, continued from page 1

• **The Photo Gallery** - now offers the option of viewing photos by selecting each individual thumbnail or by viewing them all at once as a slideshow.

• **The Video Gallery** - features up to four streaming videos rotated every few weeks. The videos are from various genres including commercials, program videos, speeches and language education.

• **Services at Large Information** - now compiled and located on the main site under the "Services" menu on the front page. At Large citizens can now access information on all At Large programs and services in one, convenient location.

• **"Email to a Friend" Option** – located on each page and provides visitors the ability to send a page link to friends and family.

• **Enhanced Search Engine** – allows for better search results as well as the ability to incorporate more advanced searches. Some advanced features include specifying file type, searching by all words, any words or exact phrase, specifying the number of results to return per page, and the ability to sort results based on rank or date. The enhanced search engine also includes a "Did You Mean . . ." feature to catch misspelled search words.

• **Word of the Day** – located on the homepage, this new feature is dedicated to sharing the Chickasaw language. This feature displays a new Chickasaw word daily, along with its English equivalent and an audio file for pronunciation.

• **Enhanced Navigation Tools** – assist visitors with easier access for locating information. A "Site Path" helps show visitors their path of navigation as they look through the site. Each page with program information includes a "View" section that contains contact information and links to download forms and applications. A "Related Links" section is located on the front page to connect visitors to other important Chickasaw sites, such as *the Chickasaw Times*, the Chickasaw Foundation and many more.

To check out the new Chickasaw Nation Web site for yourself, just visit www.chickasaw.net

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twenty Chickesaws of Note and their followers. Colbert [James Logan] *had arrived some days before them. He said that the treatment which he and the Chickasaws received in their way through the Creek Nation was Extremely Insolent…*

On Nov. 8, 1763, James Colbert is identified as the interpreter for Paya Mattaha (spelled Pia Matta this time). In a British letter, the chief is quoted as saying: *he & his are few, but faithful…that he looks on the white people & them as one, that they are as good Friends as if they had sucked one Breast.* [Nevertheless]*, the Traders create disturbances between the Red and the White people. He has a very great regard for the White People, but they have not for one another.*

Many White People go through his towns to Trade with the Chactaws, he would not have the whole stopped [but] *the number only lessened.* [John] *High Rider and John Browne were enough traders* [to supply the Chickasaws] *and he desires no more.*

Pouchymatayhad [this spelling mangles whatever the name was]*, the Second Man of the Chickesaws, then said, it is not out of an ill will to other traders, but that the Two abovementioned* [High Rider and Brown] *have always been with them.*

Later at the Congress, James Colbert is identified as the interpreter for the Choctaws. *Red Shoes, the Chactaw Leader declared he was a new Friend, his Talk is not long, and he hopes twill be accepted. The Peace between the Chickesaws and him hath been faithfully kept. Now he wants his Nation to be under the English as well as other Red People.*

On Nov. 9, 1763, John Stuart made lengthy remarks, part of which was the official British response to the talk delivered two days before by Paya Mattaha. Again, Colbert served as interpreter. The colonists called the chief their "eldest brother," and presented "an example" to the other Indians.

Your talk was as straight, and as grateful, as your conduct has been for these many years. We hope the chain of friendship, which has long united us will receive additional strength and Brightness. The words you have uttered are those of a wise and generous man. By preserving your heart entirely English, by making their Enemies, your Enemies & their friends your friends, you have felt no wants whatever.

Then, turning to Paya Mattaha's complaints about too many traders and his expressed desire that only two specific traders be allowed to do business in Chickasaw country:

The Choctaw trade will be carried on from Mobile [now that the English had acquired that town] *because it will be more convenient to both English and Indians, so that from this time you will have no complaints of that kind to* make [since the traders will no longer be traversing Chickasaw land].

On the other hand, Stuart tells the Chickasaws that having only two traders would keep the prices higher than if more traders are competing for Chickasaw trade. *When the trade is in few hands the Prices of Goods is always higher; but if you give a preference to the traders, you have mentioned, you are under no obligation to buy Goods of others; if High Rider and Brown are your friends, deal with them only. But they are more likely to continue to use you when you have other Traders to Resort to, in case they abuse you. We have nothing further to add.*

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Postscript: What Stuart could have added was that he had no authority to restrict the traders, and even if did have, he did not have the troops to enforce such an edict. As a result, the unscrupulous and immoral traders continued to cheat the Chickasaws in various tried-and-true ways throughout 1763 and well beyond. All in all, British trade helped the tribe to survive and stay together. But trade made tribal members so dependent on guns, ammunition, clothing, metal tools, and worse still, rum, that more warriors than ever were turning away from the tribe's traditional values and rituals. In exasperation, Paya Mattaha and others noted this exasperating, sad trend at future congresses until the British signed their own North American exit papers in 1783.

Readers may contact Richard Green at (405) 947-5020 or rgreen26@cox.net

The Chickasaw Nation Participates in Summer Food Service Program

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club of Tishomingo
June 3 – August 1, 2008
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – noon / Snack: 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Winstar Golf Course
June 16 – June 19, 2008
Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Chickasaw Family Life Center
June 30 – July 1, 2008
Snack: 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Ardmore Middle School Gym
June 30 – July 1, 2008
Snack: 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Nation Old Community Center/Gym
June 21, 2008
Lunch: 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Ada High School Football Field
July 10 – July 12, 2008
Snack: 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. / Snack: 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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1/4 t. Cayenne pepper
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1/2 C. Light mayo
1 can (drained) Pineapple chunks, chopped
1 C. Chopped Granny Smith apple
1/2 t. Celery seeds
1/4 t. Black pepper
1/2 C. light salad dressing

Place all ingredients in a bowl. Stir until everything is mixed well. Chill for at least one hour to allow flavors to blend.

Makes 22– 1/2 cup servings

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stitutional Review Board, and collaborate with OUHSC and other tribes to facilitate and complete such projects. The Cherokee Nation will submit the grant for this NARCH cycle. CNHS will obtain funds through a subcontract with the Cherokee Nation.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-053

Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for the U.S. Indian Health Service Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) 5 Grant

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) to apply for an IHS-NARCH grant The Chickasaw Nation Health System would partner with the University of Oklahoma (OU) to conduct tribally driven research projects, and develop the capacity of student and faculty researchers.

Award Information: The grant award amount is up to $800,000 for the total partnership up to four years. At least 30% of the total award is required to remain with the grantee.

Methods: The CNHS would approve prospective research projects through the tribal Institutional Review Board and collaborate with OU to facilitate and complete such projects.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-054

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Goldsby, McClain County, Oklahoma, described as:

A tract of land lying in the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 3 West, of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the SE/4 of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 3 West, Indian Meridian; thence S 00°11'42"E a distance of 315 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 89°53'54"E a distance of 310.58 feet; thence S 00°06'06"E, a distance of 689.22 feet; thence S 89°53'54" W a distance of 309.46 feet; thence N 00° 11' 42" W a distance of 689.22 feet to the point of beginning; containing 213,670.08 square feet (4.9052 acres) more or less, with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: City of Goldsby

Use: To be utilized as Riverwind Parking

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-055

Concurrence with and Support of the Application and Implementation of the FY 2008 Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant Program

Explanation: This resolution supports the mission of the Juvenile Justice Tribal Advisory Board and concurs with and supports the application and implementation of the FY 2008 Tribal Juvenile Accountability and Discretionary Grant Program awarded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

Emergency Legislation: This resolution is deemed emergency legislation because it was received after the first Friday of the month and it is needed for the grant prior to next month.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

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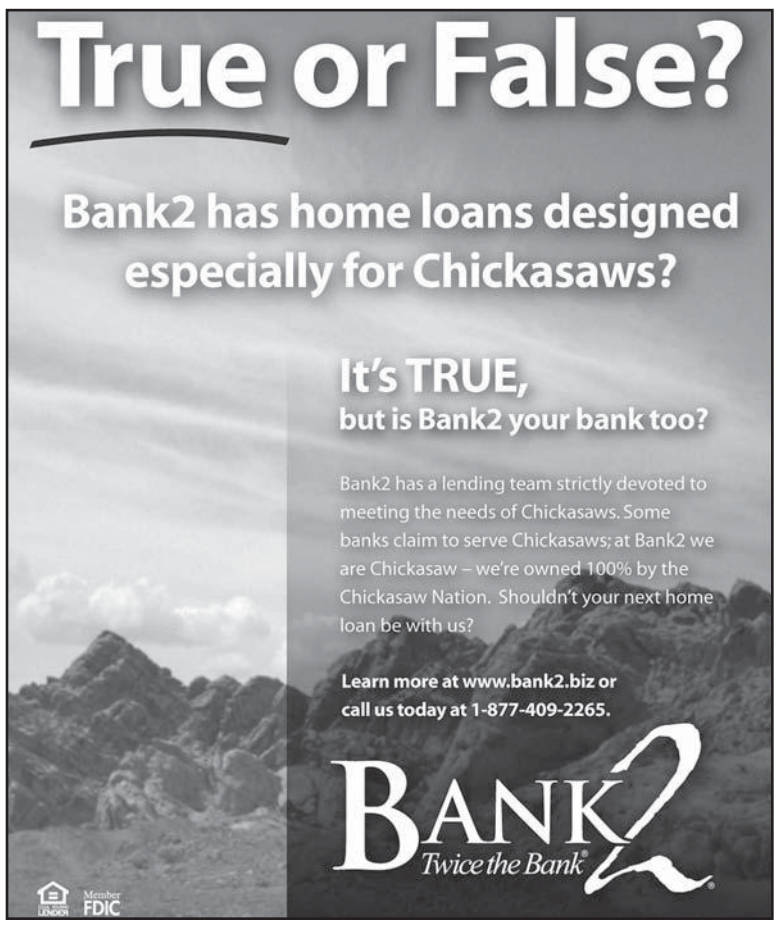
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AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES March 23, 2008

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to table the March 23, 2008 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to table the minutes of March 23, 2008 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: U N-FINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: R E-PORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 25-003, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Insurance for Elected Officials)

This resolution amends Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. Chapter 4 addresses general provisions for elected officials. This amendment will make insurance available to retiring elected officials on a cost basis ranging from 75% to no cost, depending upon the length of time an elected official served in office. Insurance, defined to include life, health and dental, shall become an additional retirement benefit to officials upon their departure from office according to the scale defined in this resolution. Mr. Woods reported the resolution was withdrawn by the author, and he concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 25-030, Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County Tribal Tract No. 746-B

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of Chesapeake

Exploration, LP, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They submitted an acceptable bid of $452.00 per acre for a total bonus of $24.335.68, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $6,083.92, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation. The lease contains 53.84 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $161.52, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $40.38 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-030.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-030 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-031, Oil and Gas Lease in Pushmataha County, Tribal Tract No. 487

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of T.S. Dudley Land Company, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They submitted an acceptable bid of $105.00 per acre for a total bonus of $262.50, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $65.63, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 5.0 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $7.50, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $1.88 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25031.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-031 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-032, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County, Tribal Tract No. 1062

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of R. D. Williams & Company, Ardmore, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid of $1,111.20 per acre for a total bonus of $179,069.88, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $44,767.47, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 161.15 acres, more or

less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $483.45, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $120.86 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-032.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-032 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-033, Oil and Gas Lease in Hughes County, Tribal Tract No. 48-A

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of R. D. Williams & Company, Ardmore, Oklahoma. The lease contains 18.70 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $56.10, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $14.03 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR25-033.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-033 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-034, Oil and Gas Lease in Carter County, Tribal Tract No. 1162

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid of $452.00 per acre for a total bonus of $2,260.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $565.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains ten acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $15.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $3.75 per annum, and a royalty

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rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-034.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-034 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-035, Oil and Gas Lease in Carter County, Tribal Tract No. 674 ½

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of R. D. Williams & Company, Ardmore, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid of $811.00 per acre for a total bonus of $8,110.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $2,027.50, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 20.00 acres, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $30.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $7.50 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR25-035.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-035 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number GR25-036, Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County, Tribal Tract No. 690 ½

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid of $452.00 per acre for a total bonus of $12,000.60, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $3,000.15, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 53.10 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $79.65, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $19.91 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-036.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-036 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-037, Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County, Tribal Tract No. 318 ½

This resolution approves an o il and gas lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration, LP, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They submitted an acceptable bid of $452.00 per acre for a total bonus of $9,928.18, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $2,482.05, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 43.93 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $65.90, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $16.48 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25-037.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-037 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-038, Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County, Tribal Tract No. 689

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They submitted an acceptable bid of $452.00 per acre for a total bonus of $1,988.80, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $497.20, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 8.80 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $13.20, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $3.30 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-038.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-038 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-039, Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County, Part of Tribal Tract No. 677 ½

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They submitted an acceptable bid of $452.00 per acre for a total bonus of $10,377.92, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $2,594.48, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 45.92 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $68.88, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $17.22 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR25-039.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-039 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-040, Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County, Tribal Tract No. 677

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They submitted an acceptable bid of $452.00 per acre for a total bonus of $3,152.70, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $788.18, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains13.95 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $20.93, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $5.23 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-040.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-040 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-041, Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County, Tribal Tract No. 313

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid of $452.00 per acre for a total bonus of 779.70, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $194.93, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 3.45 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $5.18, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $1.30 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-041.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-041 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-042, Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County, Tribal Tract No. 293

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid of $452.00 per acre for a total bonus of $2,260.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $565.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains ten acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $15.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-042.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

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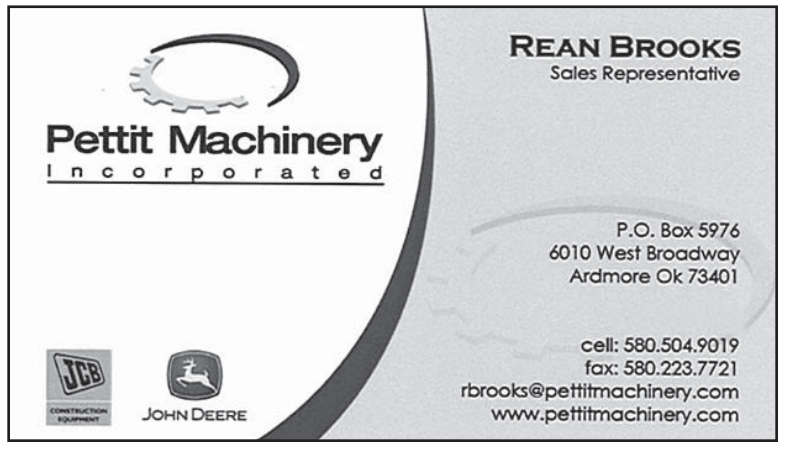

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13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-042 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-043, Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County, Tribal Tract No. 702-A

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of R. D. Williams & Company, Ardmore, Oklahoma. They submitted an acceptable bid of $1,897.17 per acre for a total bonus of $37,943.40, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $9,485.85, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 40.00 acres, more or less, for a primary

term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $60.00 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $15.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-043.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-043 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-044, Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County, Part of Tribal Tract No. 677 ½

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They submitted an acceptable bid of $452.00 per acre for a total bonus of $3,292.82, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $823.21, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The contains 14.57 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $21.86, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $5.47 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25044.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-044 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-045, Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Tishomingo, Oklahoma located north and west of the Capitol Complex for expansion of the Capitol Complex site.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR25-045.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-045 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott stated her report will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green stated her report will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Briggs introduced Ms. Ashley Large, Deputy Superintendent of the Chickasaw Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments on the Food Assistance Program and Chesapeake Exploration's oil and gas leases.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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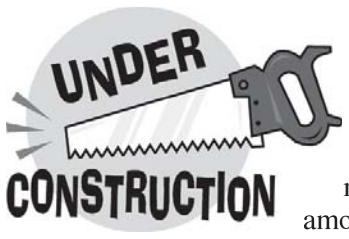
REFINANCING: Did you know CNDHTD can loan up to 90% of the appraised value on your home? Closing costs may be rolled into the loan, if the appraisal is high enough. Appraisal fee must be paid up front.

NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building? If you have been approved for your 30 year permanent financing through Chuka Chukmasi, CNDHTD can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. Interim construction is available only in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate is 5% and the term 6-9 months. During the construction phase, you will be required to make monthly interest payments on drawn borrowed funds. You will pay minimal closing costs on the construction loan at closing. Please call for further information.



HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS: Do you want to make needed improvements? CNDHTD may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is $30,000.00. The interest rate is fixed at 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage on the home. Home must be your primary residence. You must pay closing costs at closing. This loan is available only in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a contractor. Call for additional details.

GRANT FUNDS: Do you need help with down payment and closing costs? Chickasaw citizens may receive up to $3,00.00 to assist with down payment and/or closing costs when purchasing a home. You must be pre-approved thru the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program at CNDHTD for your financing. Refinances are not eligible to receive these funds. This is a one time grant. Call for more information.

EMPLOYER ASSISTED HOUSIING: Employees of the Chickasaw Nation are eligible to apply for the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program thru CNDHTD. You must be pre-approved for your permanent financing through the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program. Employees may receive down payment and/or closing cost assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan.

COUNSELING: Did you know that you can receive assistance with credit counseling, credit report clean-up, budgeting, loss mitigation and early delinquency intervention? Do you want to purchase a home but you know there are credit issues that might preclude you from purchasing right now? Did you know that we have a full time counselor who can work directly with you, one-on-one, to help you become mortgage ready? Maybe your credit is ok, but you just can't seem to save enough money to get started with the process and need help with goal setting and personal budgeting. Please call **Kyra Childers at (580) 421-8817** and let her help you now.

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James 'Mark' Mershon

Services for James "Mark" Mershon, 34, Sulphur, Okla., were March 19, 2008 at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Williard McCartney, Jr., and Rev. Osborne Roberts officiating. Interment took place in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mr. Mershon died March 15 at Sulphur. He was born Feb. 1, 1974 to Kay Mershon and Gene Roy McKinnon.

He grew up in Sulphur and attended Sulphur High School. He was attending East Central University and Murray State College at the time of his death. He had previously worked at Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Pauls Valley, Okla., and was currently employed with Chickasaw Commerce in career development. He was very outgoing and a happy person who never met a stranger. Most of all he was a loving father.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bon and Florence Stout; uncles, Don Stout, and former legislator, David Ray Stout.

He is survived by his wife, Melissa Kay Olson, of Sulphur; three sons, Trenton David Mershon, Mathias Drake Mershon and Drake Andrew Mershon, all of Sulphur; a grandson Treyc Allen Colungo, of Sulphur; his parents, Kay Mershon and Gene Roy McKinnon, of Sulphur; a sister, Joretta Lynn Mershon; and his former wife, Davilon Chapman, all of Sulphur; a stepdaughter, Shawn Chapman, of Sulphur; two aunts, Carol Stout, of Ada, Okla., and Christine Roberts, of Coalgate, Okla.; an uncle, Herman Stout, of Farmington, N.M.; a niece, Shallen Jeanette Mershon and a nephew, Anthony Shane Mershon, both of Sulphur; and special cousins, June Prater, Darwin Roberts, Steven Stout, Reba Hernandez, Christina Kupezynski, Chris and Kelly May and many other cousins.

Pallbearers were Joe Norton, Allen Jones, Ernie Eldred Jr., Jared Estrada, Everett Berryhill and Eric Harvey. Honorary bearers were Darwin Roberts, Steven Stout, Herman Stout, Antoine Colungo, Sean Wallace and Kyle Imotichey.

Shirley Rebecca Thompson

Shirley Rebecca Thompson died May 18, 2008 at her home in Guthrie, Okla. A memorial service was May 20 at her home.

She was born Jan. 26, 1944. She was one of five children born to Cheadle and Phyllis Thompson of Mira Loma, Calif.

She was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation who spent her life devoted to her family and friends. She was a member of the Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council and served as the council secretary for three years. She spent much of her time educating and helping others with their personal and career growth by teaching literacy with the Oklahoma City Literacy Council. She was an animal lover and treated all life as precious.

She is survived by her loving son, Geoff.

Arthur Howard James

Arthur Howard James died Wednesday, May 21 in the Ardmore Veterans center after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born Oct. 14, 1918 to Jennie Lee (White) and Arthur H. James in the Walker community near Pauls Valley. He lived in Ada, Okla., with his wife of 26 years, Theresa James, for over 25 years.

His was 1⁄2 Chickasaw and very proud of his Chickasaw heritage. He always participated in the tribal elections. He even put political signs in his very visible yard on 723 N. Cherry, Ada letting everyone know whom he supported.

He was a staunch supporter of Governors Overton James and Bill Anoatubby and always made sure the Chickasaw relatives voted for them. He and his wife were long time members of the Chickasaw Ada senior site and before his their bad health they participated in the Chickasaw cats band. He played the tub guitar and called the square dances.

He was a veteran of World War II and although he didn't talk much about the war, he was very proud of his service in the armed forces. He lived in Oklahoma City part of his adult life and was a welder at a steel company.

He was considered a wonderful caregiver by the family. If anyone needed help when they were ill, he would always be there to help.

He was considered the "favorite Uncle" by many of his nieces and nephews.....he didn't have children of his own so he was always spoiling them. He would let them drive his car, tell them stories, buy them ice cream and pop and in general have fun with them.

He also told all the nieces, Patsy, Carolyn, and Judy they were his favorite nieces and of course they all believed it. His nieces are Pat Woods of Sulphur, Carolyn Claxton of Pauls Valley, Emily Gilbert of Phoenix, Ariz. And Judy Ross of Oklahoma City.

He was preceeded in death by his parents, Arthur and Jennie James; three brothers, Crudie, Leo Rufus and Frank Overton James; two sisters, Almeda Engle and Juanita Crow.

He is survived by his wife,Theresa; a sister, Mary Mildred Ayers; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The Chickasaw Honor Guard presided over full military honors at graveside in Swan Hill cemetery, Ada.

Pall bearers were nephews, Shan Woods, Steven Woods, Will Woods, Jerry Woods, Ronnie Lewis and Bill James.

Glenn Eldred Mobley

Surrounded by his loving family, Glenn E. Mobley entered the loving arms of his Lord Jesus Christ March 25, 2008 at Garland, Texas.

Mr. Mobley was born Sept. 27, 1919 on his family homestead in Frisco, Okla. He cherished his Oklahoma roots.

He was especially proud of his American Indian heritage, being a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. His lineage on the Dawes Roll goes back to his grandmother, Mary Colbert Truax and his mother, Ruby Truax.

Mr. Mobley was a World War II U.S. Air Force veteran.

A longtime Baptist, he was an active member of the charles Hatcher Sunday School class at First Baptist Church, Garland.

His greatest joy was psending time with his wife of 66 year, emma Frances Robbins Mobley.

He is also survived by three daughters, Laura Richey and husband Lew, of Plano, Texas, Vickie Gammon and husband Ron, of Garland, Texas, and Glenda Sample and husband Bob, of Dallas; and four grandchildren, Mark Richey, Lori Gammon, Michael Gammon and Travis Sample.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 29 at Williams Memorial Chapel. Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Dallas.

Glenn E. Mobley

To Our Sweet Daddy:

No words can ever express our love for you. From our early years when you tied every sash to perfection, to when you taught us how to ride our bikes and later drive our cars, you always showed your care and devotion to us.

Your most loving act was to teach us about entering the pearly gates of heaven and seeing the streets of gold and the many mansions.

You spoiled us with Saturday shopping trips downtown, where you patiently sat while we tried on every dress in the store. You didn't mind that you weren't at the ball field because you would rather be with your firls!

You passed the importance of family to each of us. Some of our fondest memories are of our babies falling asleep in your arms. you practiced great patience by taking our children to the creek behind the house and watching them skip rocks.

You found great joy in becoming involved in each and every interest our kids had.

We love you, Daddy, and treasure the time we spent with you. You will forever be in our hearts.

Love,
Kitty, Vickie and Glenda

In Memory

To Our Mother
Cora Mable Stick Taylor, born December 2, 1925 – died April 30, 2007.

It has been a year already since you went to your new home in heaven. It just seems like a few days since we let you go. We know all of your worries, sorrow and pain are gone. I know you and dad are watching over the whole family now. I miss our long talks until almost daybreak when I came to visit and the long phone calls. My sister misses doing things for you, getting what you wanted or needed. Our holidays don't seem the same without you there. We know you're in God's good hand and we don't have to worry anymore. But one day we will all meet again. We love you and miss you.

From your daughters and families,
Loretta Easley and Fernie Sampson

Dorothy Gabaldon Aguilera

Dorothy Gabaldon Aguilera, 58, died March 31, 2008 in Stockton, Calif. She was born January 6, 1950 in Stockton, to Teles Joe Gabaldon and Juanita Mae Gabaldon.

She was a homemaker and mother of three children; daughters Nanci Zapien, of Modesto, Calif., Natalie Wallace, of Stockton, and son Richard Vinson, of Stockton, and several grandchildren.

She is survived by her mother Juanita; five siblings, Sam Gabaldon, of Las Vegas, Kenneth Gabaldon, of El Granada, Calif., Jerry Gabaldon, of Stockton, Wanda Sue Anderson, of Stockton, and Debra Gabaldon, of Stockton; an uncle, Ben Keel; and multiple nieces and nephews.

She will be missed by many relatives and friends.

Services were at the Cherokee Memorial Park, Lodi.

Anita Louise Ridenour

Funeral Services for Anita Louise Ridenour, 50, of Norman, Okla., were May 13, 2008 at Primrose Chapel with Rev. Rick McGee officiating. Burial followed at Noble IOOP Cemetery. Mrs. Ridenour died May 9 at her home in Norman. She was born March 12, 1958 to Charles and Emma Lack in Sulphur, Okla.

She was a police dispatcher for the Heavener Police Department from 1992 to 1996. In July 1995 she received her CLEET certification and was a reserve police officer for Heavner in 1995-1996. She was also a security guard for the mines in the area and operated Anita's Bookkeeping and Tax Service in Heavner.

Mrs. Ridenour enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, crocheting, spending time with her grandkids, playing Yahztee, hunting and fishing.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Sharon Lack and her grandparents.

She is survived by her parents, Emma and Charles Lack of Wayne, Okla.; two sons, Charles Tinker and wife, Irina, and Benny Tinker and wife, Amber; two daughters, Brandy Privett and husband, Clay, and Jessicah O'Neal and husband, Timothy; a brother, Dean Lack and wife, Angie; two sisters, Shana Lack and Linda Holder; six grandchildren, Brandon Potts, Kolton Privett, Shelby Privett, Sabina Tinker, Dale Pierce, Dominque Tinker; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Cory Don Patterson

Cory Don Patterson, 26, of Duncan, Okla., died May 18, 2008 at Madill. Funeral services were May 22, at Faith Temple Pentecostal Church of God with the Rev. Wayne Morrow and the Rev. David Morrow officiating. Interment was at Hope Community Cemetery, Marlow, Okla.

He was born April 13, 1982 at Lawton, Okla., to Eddie Dean and Deressa "Dee" Howard Patterson.

He married Brittanie Smith on Sept. 17, 2005 at Duncan. He graduated from Duncan High School in 2000. He was a member of Faith Temple Pentecostal Church of God where he was involved in "Changed Youth Ministries". He was employed by Schlumberger as a wire line operator.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman who enjoyed the lake and jet skiing. He was a sports enthusiast, especially OU events and enjoyed watching UFC.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Oletha Patterson, in 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Brittanie of the home; his mother and father, Dee and Eddie Patterson of Duncan; a brother, Christopher Glen Patterson and wife, Deanna, of Duncan; his paternal grandfather, J.W. Patterson, and maternal grandparents, Gerald and Patsy Howard, all of Marlow; a niece, Kadance Savannah Patterson and a nephew, Gavin Cole Patterson, both of Duncan; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Bearers were Johnny Bernard, Christopher Patterson, Matthew Gore, Mark Morrow, Patrick Norton and Chad Rogers. Honorary bearers were Josh Bumpas, Kendall Margerum, Noah Roberts, Terry Cox, Aaron Smalley, Cody Bernard and Jeremy Curtis.

Online condolences may be made at www.granthamfuneralhomes.com.

Leona Steelman

Leona Steelman, 89, of Altus, Okla., died Saturday, May 24, 2008 at Plantation Village Nursing Home. Funeral services were May 27, 2008 at Kincannon Funeral Home Chapel with Wayne Croft officiating. Burial followed at the Pontotoc Cemetery, Pontotoc, Okla., South of Ada, Okla., under the direction of Kincannon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Steelman was born Feb. 28, 1919, at Connerville, Okla., to Lon and Martha Lee (Carney) Bryant and is of Chickasaw Indian decent.

She married Herbert Hicks in 1939 at Tishmingo, Okla. She married P.M. "Bud" Steelman in San Diego in 1955.

She attended school at the Bloomfield Indian School grades 9-12 in Ardmore, Okla. She was of the Baptist faith. When she was young, she loved playing basketball. She loved playing bingo and she especially loved to talk and share time with people. She also loved to dance and as a senior citizen attended many dances.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, James Bryant, Leon Bryant, Ed Bryant, and Kenneth Bryant; and three sisters, Elsie Avery, Sis Tolar and Mildred Bryant.

She is survived by two daughters, Pat Croft and husband, Wayne of Altus; Jan Dixon and husband, Joe of Phoenix, Ariz.; a son, Jimmy Hicks and wife, Dolly of Chula Vista, Calif.; a brother, Bill Bryant of Japan; two sisters, Josephine Rogers and husband, John of Oceanside, Calif., and Christine Sumner and husband, Steve of Talequah, Okla.; seven grandchildren, Jamie Lynn, Kelli, Kenny, Karri, Kevin, Brett, and Ann Marie; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

On-line tributes may be made at www.kincannonfuneralhome.com

Robert Lee Harris

Robert Lee Harris, 97, died April 29, 2008 at Oklahoma City. He was born November 14, 1910 at Pontotoc District, near Stratford, Okla., on his mother's allotment.

He was the son of Fulton and Kate (Lee) Harris, an original enrollee and student at old Bloomfield.

Mr. Harris married Alla 'B' Wagnon in 1931; she died in California, May 12, 2004. They were married for 73 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, James A. Harris; a granddaughter, Jolene Swift; a grandson, Kevin G. Harris; a great-granddaughter, Elena Raines; and his wife, Alla.

He is survived by three children, Wanda Jo Russell, of Del City, Okla., Robert Lee Harris Jr., of 29 Palms, Calif., and Lou Jean Okamura, of Joshua Tree, Calif.; three grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was proud of his Chickasaw heritage and a descendant of the Colbert's, McLishes' and Jesse Chisholm of the Trail Fame.

He resided in California for 65 years and recently lived at Baptist Village, of Ada, Okla.

His remains will be interred with his wife in his old family cemetery, near Asher, Okla.

Warren Gene Kendricks

Warren Gene Kindricks, 45, of Lone Grove, Okla., died April 27, 2008 at his residence. He was born May 18, 1962 to Verlene P. Cohee and Tennie Kendricks at Wynnewood, Okla.

He graduated from Ardmore (OK) High School and was employed with the Chickasaw Nation for the past 11 years serving as chef and food manager at WinStar Casino. He had worked at several locations with food services. He loved to fish and play dominoes.

He married Velvet Scott on December 24, 1992 at Ardmore.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Royce and Laura Cohee; paternal grandparents, Tennie and Virgie Kendricks; a brother, Tony Kendricks; and an uncle, Edward Cohee.

He is survived by his wife, Velvet, of the home; a daughter, Miriah Kendricks, of the home; sons, Donte Bryant, of Lone Grove, Deondre J. Kendricks, of Pauls Valley, Okla., and Marcuchio Downing, of Ardmore; grandchildren, Lanisha Bryant, Devon Gorman and Kierra Gorman; parents, Tennie Kendricks, of Ardmore, and Verlene Kendricks-Jackson, of Ardmore; a brother, Karl Kendricks, of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Cordelia Pickens, and husband, Calvin, of Ardmore; and mother-in-law, Esterine Scott, of Ardmore.